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Video games attack Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

German police are investigating computer videos, possibly originating in Canada or the United States, which put the player in the role of concentration camp manager and which dehumanize Jews and Turks.

The videos are ostensibly produced by "Adolf Hitler Software," and have been distributed by an underground neo-Nazi network to school-aged children in Germany and Austria, said Aaron Breitbart, a senior researcher for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles.

The video games are "all over the place," Breitbart said. They may have originated in North America, though he added this was purely speculation at this stage.

Stefan Szajak, managing director of the Frankfurt Jewish community, said the video games have been found in the city's elementary schools and that there are rumors they originated in the United States.

A spokesman for the Wiesenthal Centre's Paris office said the video games have been available for at least one year and that there has also been a recent surge in the distribution in France of 10 cm-high figurines of Hitler and Marshall Petain, leader of the collaborationist Vichy government during the Second World War.

Lapel pins, which are currently very fashionable in Paris, can also be found with various Nazi emblems, The CJN was told, though these are not available commercially.

Meanwhile, a survey recently published in the Austrian press found that 39 per cent of Salzburg youth knew the computer games existed, while 22 per cent said they had seen or played them.

Distribution network

Efraim Zuroff, director of the Wiesenthal Centre's Israel office, told The Jerusalem Post that the games include trivia questions that glorify the Nazis, test how to distinguish between Aryans and Jews and calls for the deportation of Jews and Turks.

One game, called Aryan Test, includes the following multiple choice question:

Get rid of Jews by. . .

a)ovens.

b)making them into soft soap.

c)dispatch them by airmail to Israel.

Breitbart said another game, called KZ (concentration camp) Manager, asks participants to eliminate a certain number of people while using a fixed budget for poison gas. Cash shortfalls can be made up by selling the victims' gold teeth, he said.

"It becomes an arithmetic game and. . . you lose track that it's about people being killed. It takes away the value of life," Breitbart said, adding that it parallels actual Nazi practice in which they calculated how many Jews it would take to fill a pit.

Breitbart said the computer games are aimed at grade school students aged 12 to 18 and are distributed by a neo-Nazi network. The Wiesenthal Centre obtained some of the 100 available games through contacts in that network.

Police are trying to ascertain the source of the games, "but they're all over. It's like trying to track down drugs," Breitbart said.

German educators are also scrambling to respond to the spread of the games and are especially concerned about the areas that used to be part of East Germany, where Holocaust education was non-existent, Breitbart said.

He suggested it's just a matter of time before English-language versions of the games spread to North America and become available through neo-Nazi computer networks.

Det. Bill Hooykaas of the Ontario/Metro Toronto police task force on hate propaganda said he is unaware of the computer games being available in Canada.

WOMEN PROTEST VIOLENCE

About 40 women gathered outside the Tel Aviv District Court to protest recent light sentences handed down in cases of domestic violence and child abuse cases. [IPPA photo]

NBC urged to keep Network status intact

TORONTO —

The national executive committee of Canadian Jewish Congress last week passed a resolution urging the National Budgeting Conference (NBC) to maintain the status quo regarding one of Canada's major Jewish students organization.

The resolution was passed in response to concerns raised by Darlene Stupp, Eastern region chairman of the Jewish Students Network, that NBC was considering major changes to the mandate and funding of the student organization.

But Herb Rosenfeld, chairman of NBC, said no such changes have been proposed or endorsed by a task force that is studying the student group.

Network, along with the National Campus Services Committee, is among several national Jewish organizations that receives community funds allocated through the NBC budgeting process.

Rosenfeld said the task force met with Network representatives last week, but that no formal recommendations have yet been made. He said the task force, chaired by Sheldon Maerov of Edmonton, will formally report to NBC's steering committee on May 26, and that any concerns about Network's budget or mandate are nothing but "gossip" at this stage.

But Joey Felsen, chairman of Network, said none of the four options discussed at the meeting is acceptable to the students' group.

Congress minutes show Stupp explained the options being considered as:

"To shut down Network as it now stands and have the organization do its own fund raising; to shut down Network as it now stands and have the organization apply to NBC for funds on a project by project basis; that Network be given enough administration for its convention — four months' staff and four months' rent; that Network become a committee of Congress."

Rosenfeld declined to comment on what was discussed at the meeting with Network.

Felsen told The CJN that students want to maintain their organizational independence from mainstream Jewish groups while retaining ties with them.

"Students don't want to be serviced, they want to service themselves," he said.

While no recommendation has yet been offered to the NBC steering committee (which would consider it and pass on its recommendations to the summer meeting of the NBC plenary), Felsen said students are already preparing to lobby Jewish groups and individuals, including contributors to the annual UJA campaign, in a bid to retain the status quo.

Moshe Ronen, chairman of Congress' national executive, said "the status quo must be maintained as to [Network's] funding and mandate."

Ronen, a former North

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Proud mother Rochella shows off her two-month-old son Rachman at the Ramat Gan Zoological Centre. [IPPA photo]

British enact war crimes bill

LONDON (JTA) —

The House of Commons has invoked the Parliament Act for the first time in 42 years, to overrule the latest attempt by the House of Lords to block legislation that would allow British courts to try suspects of Nazi war crimes living in Britain.

The Parliament Act has not been used since 1949. It became necessary after the peers voted April 30, for the second time in less than a year, to reject the war crimes bill, which the House of Commons had passed overwhelmingly, for the second time, on March 20.

The bill has been sent to the queen for royal assent, a formality expected to be carried out this week.

Once that happens, Scotland Yard will send a special nine-member unit into action to investigate alleged war criminals living in Britain. It is expected to cost over $17 million a year.

A recent government-sponsored inquiry yielded three suspects, against whom there is sufficient evidence to start prosecution, and 75 others who warrant further investigation.

Canada

Kirkpatrick addresses dinner honoring Rabbi Plaut

Arab recognition of Israel said key to Mideast peace

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

No "remote negotiations" through intermediaries or international conferences will bring peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

This is the view of the Hon. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former ambassador of the United States to the United Nations. Such a peace will come only when the Arab countries accept the existence of Israel and end their economic boycott, she said.

She was speaking to 400 people attending a dinner at Inn on the Park sponsored by the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev honoring Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.

Rabbi Plaut was presented with the Ben-Gurion Negev Award by Dr. Avishay Braverman, president of the university. The Associates have endowed the Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut Chair in Project Management, the first academic chair at the university to be established for a newly-immigrated Soviet scholar, Prof. Dimitri Golenko-Ginzburg.

Ex-ambassador Kirkpatrick said the foray by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker to the Middle East will not produce tangible results.

"I've read that Baker spent 10 hours with President Hafez Assad of Syria and I worry about that," she said. "No American diplomat has ever been able to spend more than 45 minutes with him. But Baker is no diplomat and fortunately that will protect him."

The basic parameters of the Israel-Arab conflict remain the same, despite the Gulf War, she said. At the moment there is no sign of the kind of breakthrough that Menachem Begin, Anwar Sadat and Jimmy Carter were able to achieve with an Israel-Egypt peace.

At the tribute dinner for Rabbi Gunther Plaut (second from right) are (from left) Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Martin Offman, Dr. Avishay Braverman, Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick and Aly Larson (right).

Gulf War hurt PLO

"I believe personally that a peace process for the Middle East will begin when her Arab neighbors accept peace with Israel," she said. "Until that happens the diplomatic manoeuverings and no matter how many hours are spent around the table won't come to much."

A significant factor resulting from the Gulf War is that the world learned that Palestinians cause trouble in other places beside the West Bank and Gaza, Kirkpatrick said. "They behaved like rowdies in Jordan and played the ignoble role of Quislings in Kuwait."

The PLO has lost a "substantial amount" of its international strength as a result of its mistakes in the Gulf War, she said.

Martin Offman, dinner chairman, said the Canadian Associates have "reached and surpassed" their goal to raise $750,000 to help Ben-Gurion University absorb another 1,000 Soviet students.

Braverman said Israel is at its most critical juncture since its creation. "If we can absorb one million Soviet olim by the end of the century, we will become the best source of human capital in the world," he said.

Ben-Gurion University will have to double in size between 1992 and 1995 to absorb 25,000 to 30,000 Soviet students.

Rabbi Plaut was presented with a handsome plaque marking his winning of the Ben-Gurion Negev award as a champion of social justice. A beautiful vase, recently excavated in the Negev, was presented to Elizabeth Plaut, his wife, by Braverman, who invited the Plauts to renew their own excavations in the region. Rabbi Plaut's mother, Selma, 101 years of age, was also present.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national president of the Canadian Associates, presented a silver tray to Aly Larson, president of the Toronto Chapter, and his wife.

Israel's restraint in Gulf War praised by a top U.S. officer

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

War is hell but sometimes you have to fight, U.S.-Gen. Thomas Kelly recently told an audience of several hundred at Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue. Kelly also praised Israel for its courage in not responding to the Iraqi Scud missile attacks during the Gulf War and expressed hope that the war's outcome would be a better future for the Middle East.

Kelly's last posting before retirement was director of operations for joint staff. As such he was the officer in charge of operations in the Gulf War, the man who gave the order to fire. He was brought to Winnipeg, his first Canadian speaking engagement, by the State of Israel Bonds and the Rosh Pina and Shaarey Zedek Synagogues in a joint program.

The 34-year military veteran gave an overview of the American decision to respond to the Iraqi invasion, the build-up of forces, an analysis of the aftermath and the reasons the coalition forces were able to win such a resounding victory. He credited the American leadership, fighting men and strong public support for the coalition's success.

"President [George] Bush selected clear-cut objectives (unlike in Vietnam, he added) — to eject the Iraqi army from Kuwait, destroy its offensive capability and ensure stability in the region." Kelly avers all three objectives were realized. He talked about the president's "brain trust" — Secretary of Defence Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of State James Baker and national security adviser Brent Scowcroft — "who, along with the president, knew what had to be done and had the courage to do it."

To those who ask why the Americans went to the defence of Kuwait and not other areas of the world, Kelly noted one reason was because this was a clear-cut case of a small nation being invaded by a rapacious dictator. "If America had been as strong in 1937 as it is today, the Second World War wouldn't have happened." he said.

Agression however was only one consideration. Another was oil. He pointed out that, with the capture of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein controlled 25 per cent of the world's oil supplies. If he had moved only a few more miles south to Saudi Arabia, he would have controlled 45 per cent of the world's oil.

The issue wasn't oil so much as what he would have done with the riches the oil would have brought him. "In five years, with the nuclear weapons the money would have brought him to add to his stores of chemical and biological weapons, he would have been a world threat, not just a regional threat," said Kelly.

He described as "poppycock" criticism that American intelligence failed in not detecting Hussein's invasion plans. "We knew what the Iraqi army was doing and where it was but we thought it was just a shakedown." He noted that when Powell became chairman of the Joint Chiefs in late 1989, he changed the American focus in the Gulf from Iran to Iraq. Testing for the new defensive war plans against Iraq was completed on August 1, the day before the invasion.

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Toronto's Serbs, Jews plan to form friendship group

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The first tentative steps towards the creation of a Serbian-Jewish friendship group were taken here last week.

About 25 Serbs and Jews of Yugoslav descent gathered at a lecture theatre at the University of Toronto to view a film about an established Serbian-Jewish association in Yugoslavia and to discuss plans for a similar society in Canada.

A committee of five was mandated to begin to prepare for the society's inaugural annual meeting, which is expected to be held after Rosh Hashanah next fall.

The committee consists of Djordje (George) Popadic, Branko Dzeletovic, Aron Koen, Jovn Skoric and Michael Kangrga.

About 3,000 Yugoslavs have joined that country's Friendship Society of Serbs and Jews and a similar group has been established in Los Angeles, Popadic said.

A native of Belgrade, Popadic said the Canadian version of the friendship society may one day include up to 150 supporters and would gather regularly to hear speakers on Serbian-Jewish relations while maintaining links to the Belgrade and Los Angeles groups.

The first program, a lecture on the religious history of the two groups, is expected in about five weeks.

Serbia is the largest and most populated of the Yugoslav federation's republics. It has been receiving international media attention recently because of an ongoing dispute with Croatia and Slovenia, two of Yugoslavia's other republics, which are seeking greater independence.

The film shown at the recent introductory meeting, which was provided by the Belgrade-based society, showed a delegation of Israeli trade officials meeting with their Serbian counterparts and being hosted by the city's Jews. It also showed Yugoslavs visiting various locations in Israel, including Rehovot, which is twinned with the Serbian city of Valjevo.

Popadic noted that Jews and Serbs had maintained good relations for many years. At a recent memorial in Nathan Phillips Square, a number of speakers referred to the common wartime plight of Serbs and Jews as victims of fascist atrocities.

Retraction

The Canadian Jewish News of April 25, 1991 carried a story, entitled Hebrew School to open, regarding a new Hebrew-language supplementary school, the Shmuel Zahavy Israeli School, for the children of Israeli expatriates.

In that story, certain remarks were attributed to Yael Seliger, an employee of the Board of Jewish Education and a volunteer consultant for the school.

Ms. Seliger's comments were incorrectly quoted.

The Canadian Jewish News sincerely regrets the inconvenience and embarrassment caused to Ms. Seliger and to the executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, Rabbi Yitzhak Witty.

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Prices come in line with foreign airlines

El Al slashes Canadian fares to boost tourism

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
El Al Israel Airlines recently slashed its fares from Toronto and Montreal to Tel Aviv in an effort to boost tourism to the Jewish state.

The seat sale came about in order to bring the national carrier's prices in line with those of the 15 European and three American airlines which have regularly scheduled routes to Ben-Gurion airport, explained Yona Nechustan, El Al's vice-president and general manager for Canada.

The cheaper prices were made possible by the falling cost of jet fuel and insurance now that the Gulf War has ended, he added.

"El Al is still more expensive, but it's a different product," he said.

In contrast with some airlines which include a wait of up to 10 hours in Europe before catching a second-plane, El Al is the only carrier offering direct 11-hour flights between Canada and Israel, he explained.

Prices from Toronto to Tel Aviv now range from CDN $1,267 low season (Sept. 23 to March 31, 1992) to $1,595 peak period. The premium summer season has been cut from June 22-Aug. 20 to June 22-July 7.

All tickets from Montreal are $65 cheaper. One stop-over in Europe is included, if requested. The flights leave Canada Monday and Wednesday. A third flight from Toronto will be added between June 22 and Sept. 7.

The biggest drop in prices occured in the low season, where tickets have been discounted $308.

While international flights are exempt from the GST, the price does not include $57 in airport taxes.

The minimum stay under the seat sale is seven days while the maximum is three weeks. Payment is required 14 days prior to departure.

However, because of Canadian regulations governing commercial air traffic, all trips must be booked and paid for by June 15, said Roberto Schliesser, El Al's district manager for Ontario and Western Canada.

El Al's anomaly in tariffs grew out of the Gulf War. Soaring liability insurance grounded all airlines except El Al and Tower Air, a New York-based charter service, which was limited by its insurers to carrying outbound passengers only.

Operating in a near monopoly for seven weeks, the Israeli national carrier hiked up its fares to cover additional costs. And now they're tumbling.

For the Israel Government Tourist Office here, the lower fares are a boon. Yehuda Shen, the IGTO director for Canada, hailed the ticket sale, saying it will increase competition within the industry and help recapture the healthy traffic of Canadian tourists and Holy Land pilgrims that became a casualty of Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

Shen reported 32,000 Canadians visited Israel in 1990, of whom 24,000 came in the first seven months of the year.

The record for Canadian tourists to Israel was set in 1985, he said, when there were 42,000 visitors. He was optimistic this year's total will exceed 1990, which he estimated would have reached a new high of 45,000 tourists had the Gulf crisis not scared visitors away.

In a press release, Shen emphasized that he anticipates further cuts. "We are aiming for even further cost reductions in general — and specifically, we're hoping for another airfare decrease soon."

Shen raised the possibility that resuming Canadian charters to Israel will be considered.

In another initiative to make tourism to Israel more affordable, the Ministry of Tourism is reportedly examining whether to abolish its hotel star-grading system, a practice which may erroneously imply an international standard.

With less ministry protection, hotel tariffs would be set by free market mechanisms, offering a more competitive value for the tourist dollar.

Phil Givens a Canadian delegate in international Yiddish conference

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
As far as he is concerned, for all the 69 years of his life, Phil Givens has been preparing himself for his next big assignment.

He is Canadian Jewry's official delegate to the World Council for Yiddish and Jewish Culture in Moscow May 26-30.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," he said. "I'll pack up my pills and go."

Givens lapses into Yiddish easily and comfortably, and with obvious enjoyment. The words roll trippingly off his tongue. He believes Yiddish has made his life complete.

The former mayor of Toronto, and former MP and MPP thinks world Jewry should be spending more money and energy on the revival of Jewish life in the Soviet Union.

He argues that political events will partially shut the window through which Soviet Jews are leaving for Israel and that many Jews will continue to live there. He contends that Israel is not able to absorb all Jews from the Soviet.

Phil Givens

He believes that the key to Jewish life in the Soviet is the Yiddish language. To this end, he said, the writings of Sholom Aleichem, J.L. Peretz, other Yiddish writers, and the writers murdered by Stalin, should be translated from Yiddish to Russian to make it accessible.

"There is a treasure trove of Jewish writing that is indigenous to the Russian soil," he said.

Givens is not sanguine about the difficulty of convincing the Jewish establishment to give a higher priority to meeting the needs of Jews who want to remain in the Soviet Union. "You would be laughed out of the hall if you suggested it at a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress," he said.

Nevertheless, as national chairman of the CJC's Yiddish Committee and as a former president of the Zionist Organization of Canada he is willing to debate with all comers.

"People tell me it's a dead language," he said. "But if that is so why do I hear so much of it being spoken."

When he went to Russia in 1988 with a group from Beth Tzedec Congregation, he could not find any Yiddish speakers except among the older men in the synagogue, but he was even more surprised to find men and women who did not know Jewish religion or Jewish history and customs but who were determined that they wanted to be Jews.

At the Wagman Centre, Givens' ability to express the tam of the Yiddish language attracts a group of more than 50 people every Thursday morning to hear him talk in Yiddish about world Jewish events. It is a class in the Heritage program sponsored by the North York Board of Education.

In this class last November he assumed the mantle of President George Bush's advisor, and after explaining the situation, asked the venerable students to vote for or against war by the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq. The vote was 20 for war, 20 against, and there were five abstentions.

"They did not scoff at the idea of taking a vote, they follow events closely."

About 100 delegates are expected to attend the Moscow conference, including 20 from Israel.

CJC executive approves budget after cutting allocations $150,000

MONTREAL —
The Canadian Jewish Congress national executive committee stoically but unanimously approved a pared-down budget for 1991, chopping $150,000 from originally proposed allocations on orders from the National Budgeting Conference (NBC).

The approved budget for 1991 came to $3,713,810.

The biggest chop came to regional allocations, which lost $90,000 from its orginally proposed $2,096,438. Of the eight regions, Ontario and Quebec were the hardest hit, respectively losing $46,000 (to $949,035) and $20,000 (to $522,907).

The other $60,000 came from national budgetary requirements proposed for '91:

- $7,000 was cut from the 19 national programs' proposed budget of $235,077, all token amounts.
- Another $25,000 was eliminated from national program salaries, to be made up through "job sharing" starting in July.
- By cutting $10,000 from the proposed '91 budget of $20,000 planning for the 1992 Plenary Assembly and $3,000 for general office expenses, $13,000 is being reduced from national administrative costs, to $1,000,291.
- NBC also mandated a $15,000 reduction under the "unallocated" category, although there was no proposed budgetary figure in that category.

A further $40,000 was expected to be added to the cutbacks in the regional allocations category due to a change in status of the Chaplaincy program in the Ontario region.

CJC treasurer Richard Vineberg said depite a "wonderful job" on the budget, something has to be done about the "very disheartening, negative" and time-consuming budgeting process, which includes region by region consulations and negotiations.

"It's ridiculous to spend 10 months on a budget," he said.

House of Commons Speaker to be honored at CJC brunch

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
John Fraser, Speaker of the House of Commons and an MP from Vancouver, will be honored at a brunch on Sunday, May 26, as part of the program of the National Symposium on Leadership Development.

The symposium, to be held at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre, May 24-26, is sponsored by the small communities committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, the CJC Pacific region and the Vancouver JCC.

Delegates from small Jewish communities across Canada are expected to attend, according to Shellie Ettinger, senior coordinator of programs for CJC.

She expressed the hope the event will bring together members of the Canadian Jewish community who reside in the smaller and remote areas "to give them the opportunity to come into contact with others like themselves and exchange ideas."

Political and foreign policy consultant John Rothmann and humorist and author Alan Gould will be among the keynote speakers.

The brunch honoring Fraser will be open to the general public of Vancouver with an $18 cover charge.

The registration fee of $64.20 (including GST) covers registration, conference materials and six kosher meals.

The symposium is being made possible through funding by the Ministry of Multiculturalism.

For further information call Shellie Ettinger at (514) 931-7431 or Marilyn Berger at (604) 261-8101.

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Soviet aliya could increase economic ties

Ambassador Bell optimistic about Mideast peace

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TEL AVIV —

Canada's new ambassador to Israel, Michael Bell, is an optimist — about possibilities for expanding bilateral trade; and about prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Soviet aliya has created opportunities to expand and strengthen economic ties, Bell said in an interview punctuated by the roar of traffic outside his seafront office in Tel Aviv.

Because of the strength of the Canadian Jewish community, and the interest among its members in investing in Israel, "in a way, it was a relationship that took care of itself.

"What I'd like to see is the step beyond that —that businessmen or sectors of industry look at the opportunities in Israel, or in Canada, just on their economic merits."

Because the massive influx of Soviet Jews has created a high demand for housing at the same time as Canada is suffering a recession, Bell said that for the first time an entire Canadian industry is interested in Israel on economic grounds alone.

"If we're successful in exploiting this opportunity, we strengthen the bilateral arrangement. We deepen the ties between the two countries, because we establish a mutual interest in a major sector."

Relations between countries healthy

The embassy has a trade commissioner and two commercial officers, one of whom works nearly full time in the housing sector.

Bell, who took up the post of ambassador in November 1990, is in his mid-40s, scholarly and soft-spoken — in marked contrast to his predecessor, the more abrasive James Bartleman.

His answers are thoughtful and show an awareness of both Israeli and Canadian sensitivities. And like those of any good diplomat, they reflect his government's position — nothing less and nothing more.

Relations between Israel and Canada are "basically good, positive and healthy," he said. He cautioned against focusing on only one issue —for example, the legitimacy of the Palestine Liberation Organization — and concluding that because "we don't agree on this, our relations are lousy.

"I think our relations are far deeper than any one issue."

Canada's policy towards Israel is based on "a continuing recognition of Israel's security concerns. Israel in many ways *is* vulnerable, and it has a legitimate right to approach the issues in the region in the light of its concerns for its survival.

Canadian Ambassador to Israel Michael Bell

"I think what happens is that [Canadians] have difficulty in understanding what many would call the occupation, the administration of the territories and the issues of land, and seeing how that relates to security."

As a result, there is what he referred to as a "dichotomy" in Canadian public opinion: strong fundamental support for Israel, and at the same time, particularly since the beginning of the intifada, more emphasis on finding a solution to the Palestinian problem.

Bell staunchly defended Canada's right "as outsiders, but as concerned outsiders," to take a position on Mieast issues that do not directly affect it.

"Because we are, I would say, a fairly prominent member of the international community — we were on the [UN] Security Council — we have, your readership included, a number of Canadians who are vitally interested in these issues."

Moreover, he emphasized, Canada is different —and should be perceived as different — from the United States. "There might," he said, emphasizing the conditional, "be a tendency to regard Canada as a clone of the United States."

Canadians have a different world view, he said, using as an example the emphasis on disarmament in Canada's Mideast peace proposals.

The Canadian Embassy in Israel carries responsibility for the territories. Bell stressed that this means conveying both Israeli and Palestinian views to Ottawa. "It's not a one-sided thing."

During his diplomatic career, Bell has lived on both sides of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He headed the embassy's political section in Tel Aviv from 1975 to 1978, returning to Ottawa as deputy director of the Middle East division of External Affairs.

He also acted as Robert Stanfield's executive assistant for Middle East affairs when the former Conservative leader was asked, following then prime minister Joe Clark's controversial election promise to move the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem, to study the issue.

After a posting in Rome, Bell returned to Canada as director of the Middle East relations division.

His next assignment was unusual, considering his service in Israel; in September 1987 he was named ambassador to Jordan. During the first few months, he detected "an unspoken concern" which quickly turned into eagerness to learn his views of Israel.

(When, during the Gulf crisi, he was posted to Israel directly from Jordan, he encountered no uneasiness about his previous assignment, only the same curiosity about the other side of the river.)

He was in Amman during the 1989 Jordanian elections, which produced a marked shift to fundamentalism in the Jordanian parliament. Bell believes the results were "less worrying than many think."

He noted that the elections took place during an economic decline, and attributed the gains by the Muslim Brotherhood to the fact that it was better organized and therefore better able to capitalize on economic concerns.

That optimism characterizes Bell's view of what his former minister, Joe Clark, has called the "thorniest" issue in the Middle East — the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He acknowledged the legitimacy of the fears raised among Israelis by a number of recent knife murders. "One can look at the issues today and say, yes, they're more intractable, but I'm not so sure that's necessarily the case."

Bell was on his first tour of duty in Israel during the months leading up to the Camp David agreements. "Looking back at that time, would I say that I was particularly optimistic? No.

"It's a question of exploiting opportunities — and it's been done in the past . . . It's a question of leadership."

NB declines to charge Malcolm Ross after Alberta re-tries Keegstra case

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The decision of Alberta's attorney general to re-try Jim Keegstra on hate promotion charges will not prompt New Brunswick to follow suit with charges against controversial teacher Malcolm Ross, the Maritime province's chief law enforcement official said last week.

New Brunswick Attorney General James Lockyer said there has been no change in the province's longstanding policy that the anti-hate law is too ineffective and contains too many loopholes to assure conviction against Ross.

The Alberta decision to again prosecute Keegstra, a former Eckville, Alta. teacher, has no bearing on the Ross case, he told The CJN. Lockyer said the statutory defence available to the Moncton-area teacher — of making statements of religious belief — make conviction problematic.

But in a letter to the attorney general last week, Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said Ross' anti-Jewish views cannot be defended on the basis of religious belief.

He said Keegstra also raised the religious belief defence as well as arguing he believed in good faith what he was teaching. Similarly, Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel raised a defence of sincere belief in his two trials for publishing lies denying the Holocaust.

"If Keegstra could be convicted in Alberta and Zundel in Ontario, there is no reason to believe that Ross cannot be convicted in New Brunswick," Littman said.

Ross is currently involved in a human rights inquiry into whether Moncton's District 15 school board was fostering a climate of intolerance by employing him. Ross is the author of several books and letters which deny the Holocaust and which claim Jews are conspiring to undermine Christianity.

Newcastle, N.B. resident Julius Israeli also wrote to Lockyer recently, renewing his longstanding calls for Ross to be charged criminally for promoting hatred against Jews.

Lockyer said New Brunswick is taking a leading role in chairing a national committee which is studying ways of strengthening the anti-hate law. He said he expects the committee to recommend changes to the law and that he will present those recommendations in September to a meeting of the country's attorneys general.

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New Kach leader calls for expulsion of Palestinians

Rabbi Toledano vows to continue Kahane's legacy

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
The successor to Kach movement founder Rabbi Meir Kahane — who was gunned down in New York Nov. 5 — vowed here last week to continue his militant mentor's twin legacy of Jewish pride and anti-Arab agitation.

Speaking to an enthusiastic crowd of about 300 at a rally sponsored by the Jewish Defence League, Rabbi Avraham Toledano, 33, urged the mass expulsion of the 1.8 million Palestinians living in the territories.

"The Jewish state, the Jewish land, belongs only to the Jewish people. There is no room for a people that doesn't recognize Jewish sovereignty," thundered the director of the Jerusalem yeshiva founded by Rabbi Kahane.

"They have no room in our state. They have to go out. They have 22 countries. Let's stop this outrage, 'peace for territories.' "

Now living in the West Bank town of Kiryat Arba with his wife and five children, the Moroccan-born rabbi ridiculed Israel's Likud-led government.

A year after Rabbi Kahane was elected to the 11th Knesset in 1984, the country's Basic Law was amended to disqualify lists with racist platforms from running in subsequent elections. In 1986, the Penal Code was amended to make racial incitement a punishable offence. Rabbi Toledano had been fourth on the Kach slate when Knesset banned the party as racist before the 1988 election.

Aravim ha-hutza — Arabs out: Rabbi Avraham Toledano. [Gil Kezwer photo]

"They do not look and act like Jews," he said of the government. "It's a joke."

Rabbi Toledano condemned Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for failing to crush the intifada, which he described as a *chillul haShem* (descrecation of God's name).

He lambasted the Herut leader for calling the 81 Jews killed in the 41-month-old uprising "minor numbers."

"We are sick, psychopathic Jews," he railed. "We left the exile, but the exile didn't leave us.

"Instead of having Jewish pride, we have self-hatred. We got used to dying, to being killed."

His voice cracking with intense emotion, Rabbi Toledano recited a *se'uda shlishit* (Sabbath afternoon repast) song composed by Rabbi Kahane about the *akedat Yitzhak* (Abraham's offering of his son Isaac).

"Think about sacrificing and all the values of the Rabbi [Kahane], and — with God's help — the Messiah will come."

Thanking Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefilah Congregation for providing the JDL with a venue, Rabbi Toledano expressed the fervent wish that he soon lead his congregation on collective aliya and that they build a new synagogue in Israel.

"We have many mosques that will soon be liberated, but maybe you don't like the style."

Two burly youths flanked the podium during the lecture. Rabbi Toledano himself holds a second degree black belt in judo.

Several police officers, in both uniform and plain clothes, were on patrol inside and outside the shul.

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Rabbi Kahane's crown does not rest easy on his heir. He is being challenged for that honor by Binyamin Kahane and his splinter Kahane Chai organization.

Rabbi Kahane's diminutive 25-year-old son may lack his father's rabble-rousing charisma but has the magic of a name his followers consider sanctified by martyrdom.

While Binyamin Kahane may appeal to the most radical elements of an already fringe movement, Israel's Moledet (Homeland) party is offering a more mainstream political challenge.

Led by the pistol-packing Rehavam Ze'evi, the two-seat faction — which joined the Likud coalition Feb. 6 — fervently endorses "transfer," a euphemism for the wholesale deportation of Palestinians.

In appointing the 64-year-old reserve major-general as a minister without portfolio, Prime Minister Shamir assured his cabinet that government policy vis-a-vis the Palestinians would be unaffected.

Shamir, nevertheless, had to face down a near revolt in his 19-member cabinet. His closest ally, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, strongly opposed Ze'evi's appointment, saying his ideas are "totally abhorrent to the vast majority of Israelis."

Other prominent Likud MKs to oppose Ze'evi included Foreign Minister David Levy, Justice Minister Dan Meridor and Health Minister Ehud Olmert.

Opinion polls conducted by Israeli newspapers indicate Moledet would win between 12 and 15 seats if elections, scheduled for Oct. 1992, were held today.

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CIC chairman stresses importance for Jews to present united stand

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
New Canada-Israel Committee chairman Daniel Pekarsky said Canada must hear from only one disciplined, "undiluted" voice on Israel if the committee hopes to carry influence.

"If you dilute the voice, you dilute the influence," Pekarsky said in his first comments as CIC chairman to a recent meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress' national executive committee.

Pekarsky was alluding to the recent penchant of CIC constituent organizations to speak out on Israel on their own and even not necessarily to fall in lock-step with the official CIC line.

But the Vancouver-based Pekarsky called on constituent members — CJC, B'nai Brith, Canadian Zionist Federation and federations — to keep debate "at the CIC board table."

"The interests of the CIC are first and foremost," he said. "Your representatives must be accountable to the CIC board when there is a difference of opinion."

"If we can't get our act together, why should the government?"

And while the CIC is working with a 23-member, "smaller, more efficient board," including the "full spectrum" of political views, it cannot realistically hope to satisfy every constitutent member. But Pekarsky remarked somewhat facetiously, "If you don't suit all the constitutents all the time, you're probably doing a good job."

In answer to a question, Pekarsky considered the recent flap involving CIC-Quebec chairman Thomas Hecht's bid for the national chairmanship as "regrettable, but history" (see separate story).

Right now, said the new chairman, the CIC is looking to try and get a change of venue for the planned United Nations conference on the Palestinian question slated for June 28-30 in Montreal.

The CIC has officially protested the meeting taking place but Pekarsky did not hold out hope that the CIC would be able to keep the event from going on.

The CIC was trying to balance protesting the event with "giving it more attention than it deserves...The protests may not generate results, but you have to be a burr under their saddle. You can't sit back quietly if only for our own self-esteem."

The new chairman said the CIC was also operating under a tightened budget and has set up a "financial resources committee" to examine ways to improve the situation. Meanwhile, he hoped CJC staffers could help as support staff if and when called on.

Despite being "long on ideas and short on dollars," Pekarsky said, CIC plans include:

- Maintaining its advocacy programs.
- Establishing a "founders' group" of past CIC leaders.
- Setting up an "advisory panel" of community experts who do not sit on the CIC board.
- And holding periodic briefings such as the one to the CJC national executive committee.

Pekarsky, a past president of the Vancouver Jewish community and president and CEO of Rothschild Corporation (Canada) Inc., also reassured the executive that concerns over his being from Vancouver have proven totally unwarranted.

If you judge by the speed arrangements were made to get Pekarsky to the Congress meeting at the other coast of Canada, "It's been no problem," he said.

Peace Now Friends joins CJC executive

MONTREAL —
Canadian Friends of Peace Now for the first time became a member of Canadian Jewish Congress' national executive committee at its recent meeting here.

The application for membership, approved unanimously by the executive, was made by Dr. Frank Guttman, Montreal president of Peace Now.

Guttman hoped that by being part of the executive, Peace Now could have a voice in input to the Canada-Israel Committee, of which CJC is a constitutent member.

Approval was pro forma since Peace Now fulfilled all requirements of bylaw 65 of CJC's constitution: it has a national office and an executive director in place (Mel Shipman of Toronto).

The meeting also unanimously reinstated two other longstanding organizational members of the national executive, which had missed a deadline to register, back into the fold: the Labor Zionists and the Achdut Avodah Poale Zion.

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CIC Quebec seeks additional seat on national body

By
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MONTREAL —
The Quebec region of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC-Q) has passed a resolution urging that its chairman automatically become an officer of the organization's national body.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, who introduced the resolution, said it is intended to assure that Quebec's voice be heard among the CIC's national officers.

"It's obvious to most Canadians that the political situation in Quebec is different and, therefore, the situation of Quebec Jews is different.

"Whenever national policy [in the Jewish community] is made, the voice of Quebec must be heard because of its unique needs and viewpoints."

The resolution, passed unanimously by the approximately 20-member CIC-Q cabinet, comes about two months after CIC-Q's chairman, Thomas Hecht, failed in a bid to become CIC national chairman.

In February, Vancouver's Daniel Pekarsky defeated Hecht in a vote by representatives of the CIC's six constituent organizations as well as its outgoing chairman, Sidney Spivak. At the time, Hecht questioned the voting process and said he would have difficulty "serving under someone unknown to me who is unknown to the Jewish community and has not been involved in the Israel-advocacy programs of the CIC."

Thomas Hecht

In March, at the CIC's annual conference in Ottawa, Hecht turned down an offer of a national vice-chairmanship, one of six national officer's positions.

"At the time I turned it down," Hecht said, "but for the sake of a united Jewish community, I accepted it later on."

In a telephone interview from Vancouver, Pekarsky said Hecht had twice been offered the position, "and he turned them down categorically.

"By the time he said 'yes,' we had proceeded down other paths."

The post is now held by Toronto lawyer Donald Carr.

Hecht, president and CEO of Continental Pharma Croysan Inc., said the CIC-Q's resolution was not advanced on his initiative and would apply to whoever occupies the post of CIC-Q chairman.

Pekarsky said the resolution was discussed at an April 25 meeting of the CIC's board but that in light of the recent restructuring of the CIC's board and officers, it would be best not to tamper with the organization at this time.

He said a committee will soon be struck to study development of a constitution for the organization, and that consideration of the CIC-Q's proposal would likely be on its agenda. The committee might also consider recommendations from other CIC regions and constituent organizations before drawing up a constitution, he added.

Meanwhile, the CIC's national board decided that the CIC-Q chairman would be invited to participate in national officers' discussions "at the pleasure of the chair" until a constitution is finalized. Pekarsky said Hecht had been invited to join the officers' next conference telephone call. Officers confer by phone almost weekly.

Hecht insists that the CIC-Q's resolution reflects the concern that the national CIC must recognize "the very sensitive situation" in Quebec and that advocacy on behalf of Israel must, therefore, have "special consideration."

Hecht acknowledged that the national CIC has given him and his regional executives a free hand in how it conducts its affairs in this province and that the issue is not wresting more power from the national body.

In fact, Hecht claims Quebec is "the only operating region" of the CIC, having established relations with unions, religious organizations, government and non-governmental organizations, as well as sponsoring student activities.

One Quebecer is among the CIC national officers — Stephen Lipper, an Allied Jewish Community Services officer.

Hecht said he has no intention of resigning, whatever the eventual decision of the national CIC on the resolution. He denied ever threatening to make CIC-Q an independent body.

"That's a canard; what I said was taken out of context."

Hecht, who sits on the organization's national board, thinks the CIC should have a constitution that recognizes Quebec's specificity.

At the last Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national executive meeting in Montreal, which followed the recent CIC board meeting, Pekarsky said he would like to put the controversy over his election as chairman in the past.

He said the national CIC "fully recognzies the critical importance" of CIC-Q, and said the issue is not a question of how the national body relates to its Quebec office.

Rabbi Poupko said at the same meeting that Pekarsky "enjoys the full, unqualified and vigorous support" of CIC-Q.

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Vancouver school board tackles hate propaganda with new booklet

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
The race relations committee of the Vancouver school board has issued a booklet to teachers on procedures for dealing with hate propaganda directed at an "identifiable group."

The board says that employers who find hate propaganda "in any form" on school board property are required to report it immediately to the proper authority.

In the case of graffiti found on school property, it should be reported to the principal and/or person responsible for the site where the graffiti is found. The person to whom this is reported "will inmediately contact the area superintendent, the director of the physical plant and the city police."

Graffiti is to be photographed and documented before it is removed.

The school board says that leaflets and posters found on school property must also be reported to the principal and police. It suggests that if possible anything that might be identified as hate propaganda not be touched so that fingerprints will not be destroyed before the material is inspected by the police.

School employees are told in the booklet to co-operate fully with investigating officers if they witness the distribution of hate material and should supply descriptions of persons seen distributing the literature or writing graffiti, and the licence number and description of the vehicle used to leave the site.

The board says employees should not confront or challenge anybody involved in hate propaganda on a school site. Instead they should call the police at 911 and also advise the principal.

If hate propaganda is left in the form of a message on a phone answering machine, the message should not be erased. The tape should be retained and given to the police.

The school board defines hate propaganda as "any form of communication which is intended to promote hatred toward groups or individuals because they are distinct. The primary purpose of hate propaganda is the promotion of discrimination, hatred or intolerance toward other people."

Immigration has increased racism problem

The booklet explains Sections 318 and 319 of the Criminal Code which define hate propaganda towards an "identifiable group" — any section of the public distinguished by color, race, religion or ethnic origin.

It is pointed out that under Section 318, a guilty person is liable to a prison term of up to five years.

Section 319, which is aimed at those who incite hatred where such an incitement can lead to a breach of peace, calls for a prison term of up to two years.

Section 318 is aimed at those who promote genocide — killing members of an identifiable group or deliberately inflicting on the group "conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction."

The school board says it is committed "to the vigorous enforcement of Sections 318 and 319."

In another booklet, the Vancouver school board reports on its multicultural/race relations program. This is administered by Nora Greenway, whose job is to serve as a consultant to the board and to principals and teachers in dealing with racism.

She told The CJN that an inflow of immigrants to the city has increased the problem of racism in the schools and her department is trying to raise the level of awareness of the situation. She is dealing with about 100 schools, 5,000 teachers and 53,000 pupils.

Her biggest job, she said, is to get teachers to work anti-racist programming into their crowded curriculums. Her main thrust is to get students to respect the differences of the various racial groups in Vancouver and to be aware of their basic human rights.

The school board has a wide variety of programming initiatives dealing with racism, one of which is the Joe Katz scholarship offered annually to 18 students from the secondary schools for leadership in promoting multiculturalism.

Funding for the program has come from the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver via Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region. It is a memorial tribute to Katz, who was a leader in the multicultural activities of the area.

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Cost of Malcolm Ross controversy pegged at $350,000

MONCTON —
New Brunswick taxpayers have spent about $350,000 as a result of the Malcolm Ross controversy, it was revealed here last week.

The Department of Labor reported that as of March 31, 1991, the provincial government has spent almost $100,000 on a human rights inquiry into the Ross case, while the District 15 school board, which employs the controversial teacher, has spent $250,000.

Board chairman Carl Ross (no relation to the teacher) told the inquiry that the quarter-million dollar figure was an estimate that included legal and adminstrative costs, supply teachers salaries and productivity losses.

"It has absorbed a far greater amount of time and money than the issue deserves," he said.

Malcolm Ross

Malcolm Ross is a Moncton-area teacher who has written several books and letters questioning the Holocaust and suggesting the existence of an international Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

Area resident David Attis prompted the human rights inquiry with his complaint that the District 15 board is fostering a climate of intolerance by continuing to employ Ross. He has called for the teacher's dismissal.

Carl Ross, who said he did not agree with the teacher's views, said the teacher has been subject to three stages of disciplinary process, including verbal warnings and written reprimands. He said school trustees reprimanded Ross in 1987 because they were under attack from special interest groups and the general public.

When asked by Attis' lawyer, Joseph Weir, whether he agreed with the suggestion in a letter of reprimand that the teacher's actions were adversely affecting he school board's reputation, Ross said it was unfortunate that the trustees were compelled to take such actions.

"Famous author"

"I feel that way because. . . I don't think the pressures by special interest groups on the schools should dictate a person's employment situation. But unfortunately, it does," The Times-Transcript quotes him as saying.

The board chairman also suggested that if special interest groups had been able to ignore the teacher's books, he would not have become a "famous author."

In later testimony, Ross said the school board never tried to pass judgment on Malcolm Ross or his writings. "The school board can't say what is acceptable to say and what isn't."

Responding to questions from Ross' lawyer, Doug Christie, the board chairman said he found it "very dangerous" if the inquiry orders the board to discipline Ross and monitor his off-duty views, as well as those of other teachers. He said he would rather resign than do so.

Ross conceded that he sometimes "secretly" hoped during the past years that something would happen to give the board an excuse to fire the controversial teacher.

He said he did not wish to see a teacher lose his job, but the board had to be concerned with the effect the controversy was having on its ability to properly manage the school district.

In later questioning, Ross said none of the incidents of anti-Semitism described in testimony last December were ever brought to the attention of the district prior to commencement of the hearing.

Prior to the adjournment of the inquiry, Attis' daughter, Yona, and Leigh Lampert testified of death threats, taunting and swastikas drawn on desks and arms of fellow students and of feeling the schools were doing nothing to prevent it.

Nazi investigation appears stalled

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
An investigation into the death 31 years ago of a Nazi war criminal appears to have stalled.

RCMP investigators in Winnipeg believe city police records on the death of Alexander Laak were destroyed in a routine procedure and any microfilm record has not been found, according to Staff Sgt. Denys Stewart.

Further inquiries have been made with sources in Israel, but there has been no response, Stewart said. Little can be done unless the RCMP turns up additional information, he added.

Stewart said RCMP attached to the federal Justice Department's war crime unit have been co-operating in the investigation. The force has shifted its focus to Israel, he said, because that is the home of author Michael Elkins, who described Laak's death along with those of other war criminals.

In his 1971 book, *Forged in Fury*, Elkins wrote that an Israeli vigilante group, the DIN, dispatched Arnie Berg, an American-born Jew, to kill Laak.

It was part of DIN's policy of taking vengeance on war criminals who had escaped justice, Elkins wrote.

DIN was moving quickly in the wake of the Mossad abduction of Adolf Eichmann, which had scared many Nazis into hiding.

"Berg (arrived) before Laak could run further for fear of retribution for the hundred thousand Jews he had ordered killed when he had been commandant of the Jagala death camp in Estonia," Elkins wrote.

He confronted Laak with the option of committing suicide or having himself and his wife killed.

Laak's body was found in his Winnipeg garage on Sept. 6 1960, an apparent suicide by hanging.

When reached in Israel, Elkins told The CJN: "I don't want to talk about it at all."

Elkins, now associate editor of the weekly *Jerusalem Report* magazine, said he stands by his book and that he had not been contacted by police investigators about the Laak case. He said several Canadian journalists had called him but he has refused to discuss the case with anyone.

The RCMP investigation was prompted by a letter to the Manitoba Attorney General asking that the case be examined in light of an article on the Laak incident in the Winnipeg Free Press last winter.

Soon afterward the article appeared, retired journalist Keith Rutherford was attacked by two skinheads in Alberta, who said they were paying him back for exposing Laak years ago. One claimed to be Laak's son, but Stewart said there was no evidence Laak had children.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, discounted the accuracy of Elkins' description of DIN, saying his research indicated there were only isolated acts of vengeance in the immediate post-war years.

He said there were indications Laak had contemplated suicide beforehand and that the police and a coroner at the time ruled his death a suicide.

TJC group enhances skills, values

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
In order to enhance the skills and values of Jewish communal professionals, Toronto Jewish Congress's human resource department established — on a pilot basis — a Professional Development Institute (PDI) in November 1990.

The experimental institute, which is unique among Jewish federations in Canada, encompasses TJC affiliated agencies like the Jewish Community Centre, Board of Jewish Education, and Jewish Family and Child Service.

Other organizations involved include Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region, and TJC's fund-raising arm the United Jewish Appeal.

The four primary foci in 1990-1991 were Jewish values, skills development, inter-agency communication and professional orientation.

These areas of interest will continue to be explored in the coming programming year, says a TJC press release.

Particular topics examined this past year have included Israel-Diaspora relations, Judaism and Islam, the ethics of power, and the "land for peace" equation.

In the skills development component, issues have included lay-professional relations, supervision skills, time management and consensus building.

Drawing on the expertise of local and national Jewish communal professionals, the PDI's inter-agency communication component has featured the executive directors of agencies like the Jewish Vocational Service, the Bernard Betel Centre, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Toronto and the Canada-Israel Committee, as well as the heads of the BJE, CJC and JF & CS.

PDI programs are held on a weekly basis at the Lipa Green Building.

On Wednesday (May 8), the Professional Development Institute engaged educators from the New York-based National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership.

Paul Brownstein, executive director of the three branches of Toronto's Jewish Community Centre, was featured on May 15.

The next speaker of international stature will be Prof. Bernard Reisman, director of Brandeis University's Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service.

A leading authority on contemporary North American Jewry, Reisman will speak on current trends in Jewish communal life and their impact on the Jewish professional.

The lunch lecture, being jointly sponsored by the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service, will take place at the Lipa Green Building on Wednesday, May 29 at noon.

Network gets support

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American president of Network, said Jewish students feel themselves under the gun, as in recent months B'nai Brith Canada cut its allocation to the Jewish Students Union while putting up for sale Hillel House on Spadina Avenue in Toronto.

Cuts to Network, if they occur, would "certainly create a negative impact on young leadership and on the need for an activist advocacy organization," he said.

"We're going to do some heavy lobbying and bring people to understand that this is an important issue."

The Congress resolution authorizes the national executive committee to "inform NBC that the four alternatives that have been suggested regarding the Jewish Students Network structure are unacceptable and that the status quo be maintained." — P.L.

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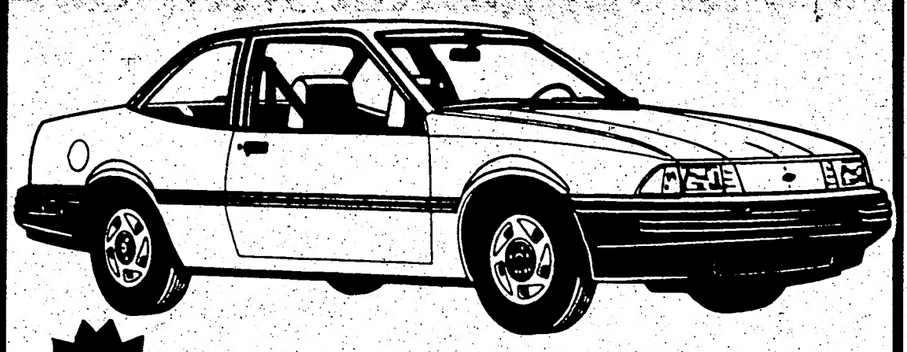
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A Lawyer Replies...

By JOHN SYRTASH

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Question: I am a woman with two children. I need a "tough" divorce lawyer. My husband has hired such a lawyer and we have several unresolved disputes relating to property division, support and custody of children. I am determined to win at any cost.

I have been recommended to different candidates and given that I am about to spend a lot of money, I need to know how to "size up" such a lawyer.

Answer: Virtually every client who goes to court wants a "tough" lawyer who borders on the unethical boundary of conduct, if necessary, but who will win in the supposedly "dirty business" of family law.

There is no doubt that your divorce lawyer should be tough in the sense of being very knowledgeable, not only about family law but practical court procedures, often subtle ones. She or he should also have a large measure of practical experience or the ability and resources to lean on someone more senior who has such experience.

There is also no doubt that your lawyer should be constantly determined to advance your position, but to do so intelligently. When it is all over the result must be satisfactory. However, the results must also be (a) cost efficient; (b) reasonably expeditious and (c) at a psychological cost that is not so overwhelming that your cardiologist or psychiatrist can finally afford that Jaguar he fantasized about ever since you chose your "tough lawyer."

Unquestionably your spouse's lawyer may play "hard-ball" by unwarranted delays, unnecessary motions or other tactics that are at least partially designed to intimidate or bankrupt you into submission. In the face of such tactics your lawyer must be the type who is not "gun shy" or easily intimidated and who can quickly answer such tactics.

In the proper case such a lawyer can prompt the court into action against unfair manoeuvres either through the sanctions of court costs, prejudgment interest, court ordered deadlines or other effective remedies.

However, if by "tough" you feel that the lawyer must be the type of barracuda who wins because, if necessary, she or he is underhanded, deceptive, rude and dishonest, then you are mistaken.

I hate to be the one to burst your bubble, but the few lawyers who actually conduct themselves in such a manner quickly lose credibility before the courts and hence become much less effective when arguing your case.

They also have no credibility before opposing counsel whose respect must be maintained in order to negotiate the final deal (very few cases actually proceed through trial).

They are not cost efficient, or intelligent since they may ultimately be more interested in impressing you and perhaps enhancing their billings than in achieving a satisfactory result.

With such counsel, the client often does not know if a final horrendous bill is a true reflection of honest work in a difficult case, or tactics that were largely designed to enhance the lawyer's overall public image and marketability.

Unfortunately, the client has no real way of knowing whether a certain procedure or strategy was really necessary when she or he puts his or her trust in such counsel.

Shrewdness should not be confused with dishonesty. You don't necessarily win by being aggressive. Even an honest lawyer with an overly aggressive strategy can lose you in fees as much as you gain in the result.

There is no use spending $1 to chase after 50 cents just to "prove your point" or "have your day in court." That anger you feel is simply a stage in the mourning process when a relationship ends.

Unfortunately, even reputable lawyers are often under so much pressure to "look tough" that on rare occasions they will "grandstand" by writing angry and costly letters to your spouse's lawyer, with copies mailed to you, largely with the purpose of emboldening your confidence in your lawyer and to make you feel better.

Yes, look for a tough lawyer, but ensure that you find a reputable one who is sincerely interested in your case and then listen to his advice carefully.

May initiate dialogue between Canadian Jews

CJC looks into national unity debate

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Jews living outside Quebec should, as a community, take a much more active role in the debate on the future of Canada, the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress was told by the chairman of Quebec region's community relations committee.

Max Bernard suggested the national level of CJC should make the national unity question a priority as the Quebec region has. He hopes to begin an "intimate dialogue" with Jews outside Quebec on the issue.

Jews should have an understanding of French-Quebecers' fears for the survival of their culture because "nationalism is not strange to us...As Jews, we can identify with nationalist sentiment."

At the same time, Quebec Jews "perceive very negatively" the language legislation that has been justified by the government as necessary to ease francophones' concern for their survival.

French-Quebecers' nationalism is rooted in a sense of isolation within English-speaking North America, but today that nationalism has taken on a note of paranoia, he said.

The current debate is not only about how to satisfy Quebec's aspirations, he said. "The constitutional process could well result in a new definition of Canada, whether Quebec stays or separates. Canada is at stake."

CJC, Quebec region, has formed a "working group" with the Greek and Italian communities to "enhance our role in the debate" on Quebec's future. This coalition of three major ethnic groups should send the message that the debate is "not strictly for anglophones and francophones."

It may also alleviate the "crisis of leadership" Quebec Jews have been suffering and give the community more political clout. Bernard said a "credibility gap" has developed between the community leaders and grassroots because of the latter's "perception the leaders are not doing anything."

Members of the tri-community group agree that Quebec should remain in Canada, but there must be a "reassessment of the way the country is governed." That does not mean decentralization or special status for Quebec; rather, it means looking at duplication and the difficulty of sharing powers between the federal and provincial governments.

They also "support the French fact," but also in preserving Canada as a pluralistic society. In addition, they share concerns for the maintenance of their institutions. Representatives of the group recently had a half-hour meeting with Premier Robert Bourassa, in which he showed surprise that the ethnic communities' disapproval of Bill 178 had not yet dissipated.

Bernard said he senses many Canadians outside Quebec have reached the point where they have had enough of "Quebec's demands and are saying 'let-'em go'." Part of the problem is that there is "almost no Canadian identity."

In addition, Bernard hopes the tripartite group will launch a dialogue with francophones outside the Montreal area who he said are not attuned to the ethnic diversity of Montreal.

Moshe Ronen, chairman of the CJC national executive said, "As Canadians, we cannot afford not to be involved; we can't ignore the debate that is tearing us apart, we cannot be silent about it."

President Les Scheininger added that it is "incumbent upon us [CJC] to assume a leadership role" in the discussion on Canada's future.

Following the national executive meeting, the national officers struck a National Unity Committee, to be chaired by Bernard, a lawyer, and composed of representatives of the different CJC regions.

The committee is basically the same group of people on the Quebec region's constitutional committee, also chaired by Bernard, with the addition of people from elsewhere in the country.

Bernard has been invited to address a meeting of the Ontario region executive May 28 on the constitutional question.

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Front Line

Baker may have to impose own plan to obtain peace

COMMENTARY

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

Henry Kissinger and James Baker are gentlemen of different background and style.

In 1974, Kissinger dealt with content and neglected procedure. Baker, in 1991, wants procedure out of the way first. Kissinger entered the scene after an Arab-Israeli war, which he had skilfully manipulated in preparation for post-war negotiations. Baker, while dealing now with the Arab-Israeli conflict, must at the same time mop up the fallout of a war, which had nothing to do with it. Kissinger was acting in a cold-war atmosphere. Baker can co-operate, if he wishes, with the Soviet Union.

As many other regional issues in this area are so far from being settled, one might ask if Baker, who is encountering quite a bit of resistance in Arab capitals as well as in Jerusalem, will invest more time and energy in the Arab-Israeli problem, or decide to slow down, interrupt, or even stop his mission. My guess is that he will continue, but differently. He may want to stop haggling over procedures. He may opt for the Kissinger method.

But what progress can he possibly make, given the reluctance of Arabs to negotiate directly with Israel before being reassured that full withdrawal from the territories, including East Jerusalem, will be their reward for a floppy and always reversible modus vivendi? The Arab regimes seem comfortable in their unusual status as former "allies" of the United States and are not likely to show much flexibility, while Israel, under the Likud government, regards the possession of the territories as better security than the one provided by high cost treaties with its neighbors.

Yeshayahu Anug

The Saudis — whose money was, ideally, meant to fuel the engine of any regional solution — are now refusing to play. They were rescued by the "infidels" from being crushed by Saddam, but act as if their acceptance to be helped were reward enough for their saviors. Yet, they sit even firmer than before on the oil wells and on the resulting billions and must be handled with care.

The Syrians do not trust the Americans (it is mutual) and would like the UN to deal with the peace process, that is, to bury it. They can afford to be stubborn, since their prospects to regain the Golan Heights are now at least as unreal as their own readiness to release Lebanon from their grip. They remain the most questionable candidates for peace.

The Palestinian leadership crisis is very much limiting their role.

As to the Israelis — the heavy burden of the territories is not visibly affecting the thinking of Israel's elected leadership. To maintain Israeli rule in "all of Eretz Israel" is Yitzhak Shamir's first and foremost personal aim and one should not underrate the capacity of the aging prime minister to stick to his beliefs. He has done so all his life and has only recently promised to do so for as long as he is in charge. But he also indicated that his successor might possibly act differently.

What could Secretary Baker conclude from watching (hours before his landings) the repeated positioning of a few more prefabs in the territories, pathetic operations for which no recognized authority assumes responsibility? Or — if he theorizes about different scenarios — what does he make of the quarrels between Likud ministers or the boring rivalries within the ailing Labor opposition, all helpless in confronting the one really urgent task — the absorption of the Soviet immigration.

The Americans could wash their hands and transfer the issue to the United Nations, as a fed-up Britain did before 1948. It is unlikely, but not unthinkable at some stage if need be, since UN deliberations could be also American-controlled, as they were during the Iraqi crisis.

Baker is not to abandon his efforts, because there is a "window of opportunity," as he, quite cautiously, called the prospects of peace after the Gulf War. But the window must be opened from the outside, by the Americans, perhaps helped by the Soviets, with Europe assisting, since Arabs and Israelis alike are unwilling to open it from the inside.

Based on the sober recognition that comprehensive peace is simply unobtainable at present, because all parties are equally scared by its internal political costs, Baker may, I think, come up with a plan of his own and apply all his skill in a continued attempt to force it throughout. But this means to lower aims and use energetic tactics, equally directed at all parties. At some stage President Bush may want to be personally involved.

A step-by-step strategy, aimed at relaxing tensions and at the same time designed to make the political status quo and its consequences too inconvenient and too costly for all concerned, may provide the framework. The gradual replacement of the status quo by internationally supported regional schemes of supervised military coexistence and economic progress, could produce the necessary incentives and its cumulative results, in due course, also long-term solutions.

So perhaps James Baker should stop negotiating procedures and concentrate on what substance is obtainable or provide it himself. Multi-directional pressure to impose such an evolutionary process would be highly justifiable, while pressure to reach unrealistic aims is bound to be as ineffective as it would be dangerous.

OPINION

Rapid changes in E. Europe threaten publishers

By
PETER B. KAUFMAN

More than a year after revolutions toppled Communism in Eastern and Central Europe, book publishing in the region remains in chains.

Forty years of totalitarian control combined with the rapidly changing economic landscape threaten the industry's future.

The publishing houses that used to be supported by the state are collapsing, the heroic underground publishers are uncertain how to make money above ground and state-owned booksellers, unable to become competitive, are closing in droves.

In the 1950s, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria tried to quash independent publishing.

Book production equipment and paper mills were placed under state control. The state's monopoly on literary agencies, distribution networks, postal systems and import-export companies controlled the flow of printed information; nationalized finances made every publishing house dependent upon the state.

Today old typesetting and printing equipment cannot meet new consumer demands.

Worse, distribution networks and booksellers are paralysed by millions of unsaleable books. Laws regarding copyright, royalties and private profits have not yet been normalized. Government subsidies for publishing houses in such fields as education, medicine and law have been slashed.

In Czechoslovakia the two state pedagogical publishing houses cannot afford to set type and print new textbooks in history and economics to replace the old ones that were filled with lies.

Regional publishers admit they do not know how to restructure their businesses.

The abolition of censorship, the goal of so many Western human-rights activists, may mean little because of the barriers that face publishing in Eastern Europe.

But the West can change that.

Western philanthropies, publishers, booksellers and government agencies should work together to help book trades in these countries weather the next two to three years.

Western book publishers should supply free or discount copies to Eastern Europe's private distribution networks and retail stores.

They should donate copyrights. They should share their business expertise. Publishing reference books, periodicals and catalogues is also needed.

In 1989 the pen won its main battle against the sword, but the war rages on.

(Peter B. Kaufman heads Pubwatch, a non-profit organization that co-ordinates Western assistance to publishers in Eastern Europe.)

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Education provides no barriers against prejudices

ANALYSIS

By
ARNOLD AGES

For years Montrealer Rabbi Joseph Polak of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at Boston University has been perplexed by a problem noted by many — the presence of anti-Semitism in some of the world's greatest philosophers, historians and writers.

Rabbi Polak finally had the issue ventilated on April 21 and 22 when 24 scholars from Canada, the United States, England and Israel convened at Boston University to present papers and participate in lengthy, sometimes emotional discussions about authors under scrutiny.

The orientation of the meeting was undoubtedly influenced by Rabbi Polak's view that "society cannot afford to separate personality from scholarship. The university is not just a place where we study ideas, but the impact of ideas on society. Ideas are important, but people are more important."

As a participant in the colloquium (my paper was on Voltaire) which was entitled Tainted Greatness: Anti-Semitism, Prejudice and Cultural Heroes, I was impressed both by the uniformly high level of scholarship displayed by conference delegates (marred only by an addiction to "deconstructionist" jargon employed by a handful of the participants) and by the almost 100 audience members who involved themselves passionately in the debate over the taint of anti-Semitism found.

As might be expected, some obvious names were the objects of scholarly scrutiny: Heidegger, the German philosopher from Freiburg who was a Nazi party member; Paul de Man, the late Yale University literary critic and guru who was discovered to have written anti-Semitic articles in Belgium during the Second World War, and Ezra Pound, the erratic American poet who made anti-Semitic propaganda broadcasts from Mussolini's Italy.

Arnold Ages

Not surprisingly a paper was delivered on Martin Luther, the German religious reformer whose name is associated with a major Protestant church but who authored some of the vilest anti-Semitic lines in literature. A film specialist from New York City, Rosalyn Mass, documented the Nazi associations and anti-Semitic posturings of the only living personality discussed at the conference, Leni Riefenstahl, the producer of the famous paean to the Nuremberg Nazi party rallies, *Triumph of the Will.*

There are some surprises.

Alan Rosen of Bar Ilan University spoke, for example, about Gerhardt Kittel (the son of the renowned German Bible scholar) whose own fame rests on his *Theological Dictionary,* a reference text in wide use in theological circles. According to Rosen, Kittel was an apologist for the Nazis who justified and rationalized Nazi ideology. Rosen thought that Kittel's work "should bear a big sign that says Reader beware: this comes from a source that is tainted with Nazi and racist sympathies."

One of the most intriguing papers was delivered by Steven Beller, a British scholar, who after documenting Richard Wagner's anti-Semitism and Israel's well-known bar against public performances of the German composer, startled the conference by claiming that Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, was an admirer of Wagner.

According to Beller, Herzl chose Wagner's Tannhaeuser opera to be played at the second Zionist conference in 1898 because he saw in the work a musical rendering of the redemptive motifs that Zionism was trying to engender among the Jewish people. Beller played several minutes of Tannhaeuser to prove his point but his listeners were unpersuaded.

The most dramatic moment of the conference came when Adriana Berger of New York University gave a paper on Mircea Eliade, the recently deceased University of Chicago sage whose works on the history of religion have been recognized as pioneering works of scholarship. After his death the university named a chair in his honor.

Prof. Berger argued in her paper that Eliade was a well-known propagandist for the Romanian Iron Guard fascist organization and wrote anti-Semitic articles of an odious nature before and during the Second World War. Berger asserted, moreover, that after the war he surfaced as a CIA agent and continued to promote fascist causes.

According to Berger, who holds a doctorate from the Sorbonne, Eliade's highly influential studies of the history of religion are merely warmed over and cosmetized versions of the fascist ideology he preached during his days in Romania. Expressing her astonishment that Eliade had received such a warm reception in the scholarly world, Berger also called directly for rescinding the chair that the University of Chicago had named in his honor!

One of the most unusual aspects of the Tainted Greatness conference was the opportunity afforded Christopher Ricks, an eminent scholar of Victorian literature and the author of a book on T. S. Eliot, to respond to the themes and papers delivered by participants.

Ricks was vehement in his criticism of the concept of the conference itself and attacked the readiness to judge others and to identify prejudices. He expressed his perturbation at the way in which Jewish scholars had examined the prejudices of others without examining their own.

Ricks said that the conference "should have asked are there any great Jewish writers who are prejudiced against blacks, against women, against Christians." He was especially exercised by what he identified as an anti-gentile remark uttered by one of the conference participants.

Rick's assertions did not go unchallenged by conference delegates and by members of the audience who peppered him for more than an hour with some very penetrating questions about the propriety of his views.

Did the conference delegates reach any views about the paradox of tainted greatness? Only tentative conclusions were offered but there was a consensus that education and intellectual brilliance provide no prophylactics against the harboring of base prejudices.

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Auspicious occasion

A very important visitor is expected in Israel shortly. It has been announced that Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the foreign minister of the Soviet Union, will visit Jerusalem on May 10. It is an auspicious occasion, as no Soviet Union minister has ever visited Israel. Bessmertnykh, who is scheduled to be in Israel only 24 hours, will presumably discuss the current Middle East peace process with his Israeli hosts. Moscow has consented to co-sponsor a regional Middle East peace conference with the United States, and the Israeli government has no objections to Soviet participation, provided Moscow re-establishes full diplomatic relations with Israel. (At present, Israel and the Soviet Union have only consular ties.)

Bessmertnykh should use this opportunity to meet Israel's legitimate demand. It goes without saying that the Soviets cannot play a meaningful, constructive role in the region unless they fully normalize their links with Israel, without whose consent a peace agreement is simply impossible.

Under the presidency of the reform-minded Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet Union has wisely moved toward rapprochement with the Jewish state. Trade, cultural, sports and aviation agreements have been signed. Moscow has lifted visa restrictions and thereby allowed hundreds of thousands of Jews to immigrate to Israel. And Soviet spokesmen no longer instinctively blast Israel or Israeli policies, which was regularly the case after the Soviet Union broke relations with Israel in 1967. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has met Premier Valentin Pavlov, in the first such meeting, and late last month, Intourist — the Soviet state tourist agency — opened its first bureau in Israel. Obviously, the Soviet Union has turned a new leaf in its often acrimonious relationship with Israel.

But Moscow should take one more step, and re-establish full diplomatic relations with Israel. By doing so, the Soviet Union can normalize its ties with a key player in the Middle East, and take part in efforts to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. We hope that Bessmertnykh will do what he must in Israel. At the very least, he should not leave Israel without a clear indication that a resumption of relations is not only inevitable but imminent.

Worthy project

The Nazi destruction of European Jewry obliterated German Jewry and its unsurpassed religious, cultural and social monuments. Now the Leo Baeck Institute, working in tandem with the Columbia and Indiana University Presses, is about to attempt an unprecedented reconstruction of the history of the Jews of Germany.

According to Publishers Weekly (April 26), the projected four-volume study of German Jewry (scheduled for 1995) will see the collaboration of nine historians and a trilingual publication in English, German and Hebrew.

A spokesman for the Leo Baeck Institute indicates that a large body of new research findings mandates a totally new portrait of German Jewry. The last important single volume history of German Jews was written by Ismar Elbogen in 1935.

By one of the rarer ironies in history, the multi-volume work will be funded by major grants from the industry that produced "Hitler's car" — the Volkswagen Foundation — and Germany's Ministry of Research and Technology. Chancellor Helmut Kohl has himself expressed much sympathy for the project.

"Our project," says Michael Meyer, the overall editor of the work, "is an unprecedented venture to harmonize the differently tuned and rehearsed voices of historians in Israel, Germany, England and the United States into a single probing narrative. Our goal is to give full expression to a history lived out between the poles of Jewishness and Germanness, between tradition and modernity."

There are many projects within the world Jewish community to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust — education centres, museums, monuments, lectureships and scholarships. They all have their place in sensitizing the Jewish and other communities to the travail of modern Jewish history.

The seeds of the Holocaust were, however, sown first in Germany and it was German Jews who initially bore the brunt of Nazi savagery and the barbarism of the Third Reich. A civilization which went as far back as the Roman period and which produced immeasurable riches in culture and science for all Germans was obliterated in a few short years.

The Leo Baeck Institute and the Columbia and Indiana University Presses have made a fitting choice in paying homage to German Jewry by reconstructing the historical profile of that unique community.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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A POX ON ARMS

What was the point of the whole Gulf War if it left Saddam Hussein in power and many thousands of those poor Kurds to be so persecuted.

Germany, the U.S.S.R., Britain, France, U.S.A. first made huge profits by selling arms and equipment to Iraq and then went to war to eliminate those arms!

These same countries were silent when Saddam Hussein gassed thousands of Kurds and we again are callously permitting millions of Kurdish refugees to be persecuted from all sides.

These same countries sell arms to one middle eastern country, an enemy of Israel, and then have to sell more arms to Israel to be able to protect itself. And so the battle continues.

A pox on those arms!

Bella Brownstein
Montreal

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LIKES YIDDISH COLUMN

I wish to express my congratulations and thanks to the editor and board of directors of The CJN on the decision to open up a small section of the paper for the many Yiddish readers across the country.

I hope that eventually it will enlarge the allotted space and the frequency to every week instead of every two weeks.

Phil Givens, Sam Lipschitz, the Toronto Freynt Fun Yiddish as well as the Toronto Yiddish Committee deserve a great deal of credit in helping this positive and constructive decision to come about.

We in Montreal are looking forward with great hope and best wishes for the success of this new section of The CJN.

Mazel Tov and congratulations to all the Yiddish activists who are involved in filling this long overdue void.

Dovid Kunigis
Montreal

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MAMELOSHEN

Congratulations on your new column — Mameloshen. Weekly would, of course, be better; but, even more importantly, could you use a larger type face? I am sure that many CJN readers are elderly and, like my mother-in-law, would rather read with ease than a magnifying glass.

Barry J. Lazar
Montreal

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16-YEAR-OLD SPEAKS YIDDISH

As a devoted student of Yiddish, I wish to compliment you on the recent addition of the Yiddish Corner to The CJN. Although I am only 16 I recognize the importance of Yiddish in my Jewish education.

I was fortunate to attend Bialik Hebrew Day School where Yiddish is a part of the curriculum, and I am now continuing my Yiddish education by way of a Sunday morning North York credit course.

I feel that this column will illustrate to the entire Jewish community that Yiddish is still, and should always remain, a vibrant part of our Jewish heritage and culture.

Joanna Spinner
Toronto

Joanna Spinner

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GULF WAR MIRACLE

I was very taken with Elaine Kahn's April 18 column. We Jews have lived in many countries and through a great variety of circumstances. The religious freedom and financial prosperity currently our privilege in North America, make it easy to become complacent.

In the recently concluded Gulf War in Israel, that so many Scuds fell and so few were hurt at all, is clearly miraculous. That the most powerful country in the world put its arsenal at Israel's disposal and defended her, brings that miracle into open revelation.

That many Jews there and many here at home are in need of financial aid, requires us to separate at least 10 per cent of our income to help. This is not an act of generosity on our part, but of righteousness, owed, now even more overtly, to Hashem, who has, and always does protect us.

Yoseph Caro, author of the *Shulchan Orach* (Code of Jewish Law) tells us that "if you have mercy, Hashem will have mercy too." Rama (Rav Moshe Iserles) says further that we always ask Hashem for our livelihood, thus we should listen to the poor as we ask Hashem to listen to us. The Gemarra assures us that we will never diminish our finances by giving.

We are in a position to use our minds and hearts to realize the open miracles that have been performed for us and to open our amply filled purse strings to give to others the money for which we are only the Creator's custodians.

In the merit of this resolve may we be worthy of seeing permanent peace and wellbeing in Israel and everywhere.

Chana Morantz
Montreal

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NDP PROTEST TO WRONG PLACE

I read the March 28 edition of The CJN with interest regarding the reaction of Social Democrats to reports originating from the Jewish Western Bulletin in Vancouver and reported in The CJN March 7 about Svend Robinson's remarks at a public meeting during the Gulf crisis.

A letter of protest to The CJN or the JTA will not change the fact that Robinson was quoted accurately. His remarks are on tape. He did say the "soldiers gassed inhabitants," referring to Palestinians. The reality is that his Jewish constituents present in the room, immediately drew a parallel between Robinson's statement and the Jewish Holocaust experiences. It was a highly insensitive and crude remark. Simon Kahn of the CIC who was interviewed for the article came to the same parallel.

For the information of the NDP supporters in Trinity-Spadina, Mr. Robinson's Jewish constituents have been concerned about his views on Israel for some time. While he appears to have recognized the inappropriateness of his remarks and contacted a senior member of his constituency to apologize, a serious concern remains.

He consistently expresses severe anti-Israel views often ignoring information of both a historical and contemporary nature which we feel would contribute to a more balanced criticism of the current Middle East situation.

As the External Affairs critic for his party, we feel that Mr. Robinson allows his personal biases to interfere with constructive criticism of a nature that would be far more productive. We do however, continue to carry on an open and frank dialogue that is important to both sides.

The article itself, far from being slanderous, was one which reported exactly what was said. It was not dedicated to discrediting the NDP party in the Jewish community, but reported word for word what Robinson said. If those views as reported, discredit the NDP in the Jewish community, then I suggest that it is not the journalists that the NDP party supporters should be criticising.

Renee Bellas, Chairperson
Jewish Parliamentary Affairs Committee
Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region, Vancouver

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WORRIED ABOUT SAFETY

Israel's Independence Day celebration held at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue was a safety disgrace and a public hazard.

Those who came to celebrate the 43rd birthday of the State of Israel were treated to an event lacking in basic organization, order and safety. Many families, like ours, who had prepared their children for a joyful evening were extremely disappointed.

Who is the genius that authorized the sale of hundreds of tickets more than the hall's capacity? Who was in charge of selling tickets and letting people in to the building after there was even no more standing room? Did anyone check the structural capacity of the balcony which was overflowing with scores of people sitting in the aisles and standing in the back? Do the organizations which plan these events not have a set of guidelines or checklists?

Most important, who was responsible for fire regulations such as building capacity, sitting in the aisles and the blocking of exit doors.

I dread to think of what could have happened in case of a fire or collapse of the balcony.

Ronald R. Mandowsky
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SCHEUER — SICHEL

One of the pioneers in Jewish education in Toronto at the turn of the century was the revered Edmund Scheuer who inaugurated the Sunday school for Jewish children.

Scheuer is German for barn and was one of the house insignia in Frankfurt — presumably to indicate engagement in agriculture or animal husbandry.

Sichel (sickle) which also was depicted in escutcheons on Jewish homes would also indicate an agricultural occupation.

J.B. Salsberg

J.B. was unavoidably detained this week. He reassures us though that he will be back next week in his usual space.

Opinion

Article published in 1943

Socialist view of Polish Jews now seems anachronistic

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A friend recently sent me an offprint from an almost forgotten journal which once, 60 and 70 years ago, was the chief medium for some of the best writers on Jewish topics. The magazine, now almost forgotten except by older members of the community and by historians, was the *Menorah Journal*, published in the United States, beautifully printed, and always containing well-written and thoughtful articles. Or so at least they appeared at the time.

The article which I want to share with you was written by William Zukerman, a Yiddish and English journalist born in Brest-Litovsk in 1885. He was for a while the London representative of the *Morning Journal* and later lived in Chicago representing the *Forward* (Forverts).

Zukerman was a socialist and internationalist and a well-known figure amongst the Bundists who, especially in eastern Europe, were the principal Jewish opponents of the Zionists. They considered the establishment of a just social order a better assurance for Jewish survival than the establishment of a state in Palestine. Their ideals were persuasive for many, and some of my readers will remember the vitality of the Bundist movement in North America.

Rabbi Plaut

Zukerman's article to which I refer was published in the fall of 1943, at a time when the Nazi slaughter of Jews was at its peak — though of course its full extent was not as yet known. It was at this time that Zukerman wrote an article entitled Towards Regeneration in Europe — Against the Folly of Evacuation. His thesis was that there was a future for Jews everywhere in Europe and that the thrust toward an evacuation to Palestine was misplaced and counter-indicated. Zukerman strongly, even passionately, defended the position of the Bund that there was a future for Jews in Poland as well and wrote:

"The position of the Bund on the Jewish question has been simply that the Jews form an integral part of the countries where they live and they should not be treated differently from other people . . . They love the countries of their birth; they are as deeply rooted in them as any other people; they have worked and contributed to the wealth and culture of their homeland; they have sacrificed even more than others; they therefore have the same rights, and are entitled to exactly the same treatment as the non-Jews." So far, so good. But then he proceeds to an analysis of Polish Jewry.

"The war has, of course, completely revolutionized conditions in Poland, creating entirely new problems for Polish Jews. Most party and ideological differences have been wiped out; but the old fundamental struggle between the followers of the Diaspora and those of Palestine has not been eliminated entirely, and the indications are that the pendulum is still swinging in the direction of the Diaspora and the Bund . . . The underground Yiddish newspapers reaching this country (U.S.A.) *speak of a zealous devotion to Poland and of a new and greater understanding and co-operation with the Poles.* The struggle against the common enemy has entirely united the Jews and the Poles, especially those fighting together in the underground . . .

"The revolt (of the Warsaw Ghetto) was not only in line with its entire revolutionary tradition and activity of the last 50 years, but it was also a direct result of the Bund's ideology which stresses the Jewish interests and rights in the Diaspora and contends that the future of the Jews is in the countries of their birth. People who live in a country temporarily, and only wait for the war's end to be evacuated elsewhere, cannot fight with the heroism of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. *That struggle was not one of despair, or for mere revenge; it was a fight for a beloved homeland and for a better future in it for their children.*"

The phrase "beloved homeland," as descriptive of Jewish feeling towards Poland, seems today as strange, even anachronistic. No doubt there were those who harbored such sentiments — but — in the hindsight of history — we also know that this surely was not the regnant sentiment of Polish Jewry at the time.

Zukerman was a passionate Jew, and a zealous defender of his philosophy. Every analyst of the contemporary scene risks being judged by later observers as blind, shortsighted, and uncritical. That is the risk of all writing. Fortunately, most of us who write will not be around when the judgment of history is delivered about our opinions.

Austro-Hungarian experiment should be studied

"Two nations" scheme may not be best for Jews

By
HENRY SREBRNIK

It is quite clear that, in the post Meech Lake era, Quebec is moving towards some type of sovereign status.

The Allaire and Belanger-Campeau reports are but two more steps in a process begun with the Quiet Revolution 30 years ago: the attempt to make Quebec a politically autonomous, if not totally independent state, while preserving economic links with the rest of Canada.

So once again, we ponder the age-old question: is this good or bad for the Jews?

Actually, Jews are not the only ones worried. On April 3, representatives of three of Quebec's largest ethnic groups — the Greek, Italian and Jewish communities — said they had until now felt excluded in the debates that produced the two reports.

Max Bernard of the Canadian Jewish Congress observed that "our ethnic communities are made up of over 400,000 Quebecers and we are afraid of getting marginalized by the dominant cultures in the debate over the future of Quebec and Canada."

Quebecois, certainly, show ethnocentric tendencies not encouraging to anglophone and allophone minorities in that province, and seem more interested in cultural assimilation than pluralism. They have also demonstrated little sympathy for the aspirations of aboriginal groups such as the Mohawks.

Jews, too, have long felt uncomfortable with the more extreme versions of nationalist sentiment in Quebec, which in the past sometimes took explicit anti-Semitic forms. They have been leaving the province in large numbers since the mid-1970s, and this process will no doubt accelerate.

In English-speaking Canada, too, there are voices calling for an end to policies designed to preserve ethnic and linguistic diversity. Would these be strengthened once Quebec in effect went its own way?

For some three decades, we have seen variations of this "two nations" model, which considers Quebec a national entity, under various names and guises: "special status," "distinct society" and, of course, "sovereignty-association."

Opponents and proponents of such schemes have often used examples drawn from other federal or confederal arrangements. While Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells and Preston Manning, leader of the Reform Party, seek a federal union that more resembles the United States, Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa seems inspired by the idea of an economic union or "superstate" along the lines of the European Community.

But the real parallel to Canada's current constitutional crisis is one that seems to have gone unnoticed in Canada, though it was an arrangement worked out in 1867, the same year the Dominion of Canada was cobbled together: I am referring to the "Dual Monarchy" of Austria-Hungary.

The multi-ethnic Austrian Empire, governed by the Habsburgs, a German dynasty, was composed of a diverse number of different nationalities, the most powerful of which were the Germans and Hungarians. The latter, especially, chafed at living under German rule, and had almost managed to secede during an uprising in 1848-49.

Fearing that the empire would eventually disintegrate, the authorities in Vienna in 1867 concluded an agreement with the Hungarians known as the "*ausgleich*," or "equalization."

The Austrian (that is, German) and Hungarian parts of the empire became equals. While both retained the same head of state — the Habsburg monarch was given the title king of Hungary as well as emperor of Austria — this was mainly symbolic.

Austria and Hungary each now had its own constitution, official language, prime minister and parliament, located in Vienna and Budapest, respectively. Neither country could intervene in the other's affairs, and the emasculated central government remained responsible only for finance, foreign affairs and defence.

This arrangement worked well for the two ruling groups — the Dual Monarchy lasted another half-century, until it fell apart in the chaos of defeat in the First World War — but it was less beneficial for the sizable non-German and non-Hungarian nationalities living in the two new states.

Jews, Czechs, Poles, Romanians, Serbs, Slovaks, Slovenes, Ukrainians, and others found themselves with few national rights; the Hungarians, especially, refused any cultural or political concessions to other groups. In the end, this discontent helped destroy the Habsburg empire.

Does this historical example have any relevance to post-Meech Canada? If the "two founding nations" were to become privileged partners in a weakened confederal structure, each in control of its part of the country, what would be the fate of bilingualism and the multicultural policies pursued by federal governments since the 1970s?

Would the individual rights of Canadians take a back seat to group prerogatives and entitlements? Here, too, we may as a community be adversely affected.

The Jewish community, along with other Canadians, should carefully study the Austro-Hungarian experiment before embarking on similar ventures.

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Wound up with orange trim

House painting becomes an exercise in frustration

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

The first time we had our house painted, we were novice homeowners with more enthusiasm than sense. We went for adventure and, as a consequence, spent the last nine years living in a house distinguished by its hue.

"Just look for the pale blue number on the corner," we'd tell visitors cheerily. "You can't miss it."

But when time faded the paint job at last, we felt nature had given us permission to repaint. We felt liberated from the impact of our own earlier, dubious taste. We wanted something different. We wanted calm dignity. We wanted historical authenticity. We wanted to have to give an address instead of a color.

After numerous consultations, including pacing back and forth in front of the house with an architect, we decided to go with a soft neutral color for the body of the house and a rich, terra cotta edged in white for the trim. Very nice, right.

Selecting the neutral seemed easy: pale cool gray. We chose three samples, put them on the wall, and picked one for the painter to buy. It wasn't until he completed the base coat that we realized it was too dark, but we confessed our mistake, threw ourselves on his mercy, and ended up with a lighter, perfect second coat.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Having to change our minds and our background tone eroded our confidence. Subsequently, we achieved new levels of indecisiveness in selecting the trim color. We examined tiles, swatches of fabric, paint chips, even a reference set of ink colors, in the quest for that one perfect bricky, reddish, brownish, peachy, warm and yet not too warm, elusive terra cotta — a term, it turns out, that has different meanings to different paint shops.

Finally, we picked three final contenders. The man at our paint store, concocting his brews with as much mystery as the Witches of Endor, provided samples. But painted in sequence on the wall, they turned out to be deep ugly brown-red, medium ugly brown-red and light ugly brown-red, the perfect colors for three pairs of outdated cordovan shoes. No go. So we consulted the painter.

Climbing down from his ladder, wiping our pale gray from his hands, he smiled knowingly. "Terra cotta, terra cotta," he said, improvising a mantra and thumbing through the stack of paint chips. "All the people who want terra cotta use this one." He pointed to one inch-wide chip, a softer color, a warmer color, and we said "fine."

Never say "fine."

Say "OK, let's see a swatch." Say, "We want to think about it." Say, "How will that look spread out on a 10-foot wide surface." Say, "Maybe we'll use the money to go to the Bahamas and leave the house blue a while longer."

But, alas, we felt we'd had our shot. We had pondered and compared, and come up with a red-mud color. This was a painter. He lived on the ladder. His blue jeans had paint stains older than our children. He must know.

So we said, "fine." And then we went to work, and came home after dark.

When I walked out of the house the next morning, I couldn't wait to see how the paint job was going.

Oh, no, Oh, yes. Oh, dear. The trim was orange, a familiar orange, the orange employed by chains of hotels and pancake restaurants, the orange of primary school crayons, the orange of orange juice.

It will fade, the painter assured us, as if we'll like it any better faded. Not likely. So, we've nibbled a little more crow. We've ordered samples of more colors. We've renegotiated with the painter. He'll be back next week. Meanwhile, we wonder if we should hang up a sign to soothe the neighbors: "This isn't the final color. Don't sell your house."

The worst of it is the directions I found myself giving to the kosher butcher's delivery man yesterday. "Just turn left and look toward the corner," I said. "You can't moss it. It's the one with the orange trim."

Features

First anniversary observed

Forward — "child" of Forverts

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

There is a new Jewish newspaper for the children and grandchildren whose parents and grandparents were faithful readers of the fabled Yiddish-language Jewish Daily Forward (Forverts).

For the past year, they've been reading the New York-based Forward, a weekly English-language broadsheet which its editor, president and chief executive officer, Seth Lipsky, calls "a child" of the Forverts.

Founded in April 1897, the Forverts was the most widely read Yiddish newspaper in the world during its prime some 70 years ago.

For nearly half a century, the legendary Abraham Cahan (1860-1951) edited the Forverts. Cahan championed social democracy and the Jewish labor movement, and launched the likes of Isaac Bashevis Singer and Sholem Asch.

Despite its achievements, the Forverts was doomed. As the pool of Yiddish speakers gradually dried up, the Forverts' circulation declined. Today, circulation has dwindled to 15,000, and one cannot but wonder how long the Forverts will be able to sustain itself in a dying market.

Its sister newspaper, the Forward, seems to have a good chance of succeeding as the United States' first national Jewish weekly, but Lipsky is not expecting immediate results.

"The paper is losing money now. We expect to spend several million dollars over several years. You can't plant a full-grown tree. You have to grow it ring by ring."

Harold Ostroff, the Forward's general manager, says that launching and operating costs for the first three years will be $6 million to $7 million (U.S.).

The Forward — whose first edition came out on May 25, 1990 — is the property of the Forward Publishing Company, Inc. It publishes the Forverts, owns a New York radio station and has real estate holdings.

The Forward's circulation stands at 30,000, of which a little more than half is paid. Five to 6,000 of its readers are Forverts subscribers. Ostroff, who is also chairman of the Forward Publishing Company, says his goals are two-fold: a circulation of 50,000, and a financially self-sustaining operation, by 1994.

For now, the paper is being promoted through direct mail, news boxes and radio advertising, and through samples mailed to Jewish homes, Jewish institutions and organizations, synagogues, schools and other Jewish newspapers.

In appearance, the Forward is an oddity since virtually every Jewish newspaper in North America has switched over to tabloid size.

"The Forverts in its heyday was a broadsheet, and we have hopes that the Forward will become the same kind of vehicle for its readers," Ostroff explains. "Personally, I think a broadsheet imparts an image of seriousness and greater depth."

The Forward's layout seems anachronistic. It's a mass of gray vertical columns, with one column, three-deck headline stories being fairly common at a time when white space, subheads and generous use of photographs are the norm. More often than not, the editors cram as many as 10 stories on the front page, with each story spilling inside.

The paper started out with about 12 pages, but of late it has run from 16 to 24 pages.

The Forward carries a mix of hard news, interpretive pieces, soft features, personal columns and arts reviews. It has an editorial page and an adjoining Op/Ed page. Invariably, the articles are deftly written and informative.

Unlike many Anglo-Jewish newspapers, the Forward rarely uses Jewish Telegraphic Agency stories, and does not subscribe to the Jerusalem Post Feature Service. "We are trying to develop a cadre of writers, and not rely on news services," says Ostroff. "We think we have the kind of coverage we want to project."

The Forward has a permanent staff of 20, of whom half work in the editorial department.

Being internationally-minded, the Forward has bureaus in Israel, the Soviet Union and Western Europe — not to mention Washington. No one can accuse this newspaper of being narrow and provincial.

Lipsky says the Forward is "truly independent, even a little bit crusty," and "lets the chips fall wherever they may." The majority of North American Jewish newspapers are published by local federations and, according to critics, tend to be timid and bland.

A former Wall Street Journal reporter and editor, Lipsky says the Forward is trying to be a serious newspaper with a national scope. "There is just no other newspaper like the Forward, though there are very good local Jewish newspapers." He adds: "I have a very high regard for all Jewish newspapers."

For Lipsky, the Forward is a dream come true. "All my life I wanted to build a complete newspaper, a small newspaper in a big city with a sophisticated audience espousing the Jewish and American cause," he explains in a telephone interview. "But I loved the Journal. I had a magnificent time there."

Lipsky, who was born in New Marlboro, Mass. in 1946, was raised in a secular Jewish milieu. His grandparents immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe, the source of the old Forverts' core readership.

Lipsky joined the Wall Street Journal after graduating from Harvard, working for smaller newspapers and reporting for the Stars and Stripes, the army's official publication, in Vietnam.

At the Journal, he was managing editor of the Asian edition, associate editor, foreign editor and a member of the editorial board.

Under his editorship, the Forward has become one of the finest Jewish newspapers in North America. Last month, Lipsky was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for distinguished editorial writing.

Seth Lipsky holds a copy of the Forward's first issue.

Engineer helped Israel

Alfred Frauenknecht died recently at the age of 64, in the Swiss village of Aardorf. His passing must have been keenly felt in Israeli military circles.

Frauenknecht, a respected engineer, made it possible for Israel to build its first homegrown jet, the Kfir, which is still in service. At great risk to himself, he smuggled invaluable Mirage blueprints from Switzerland to Israel, thereby enabling the Israelis to circumvent Charles de Gaulle's post-Six Day War embargo on the shipment of French offensive weapons and spare parts to the Jewish state.

A devout Christian, Frauenknecht paid dearly for his devotion to Israel. Convicted of industrial espionage, he was sentenced to four and a half years of hard labor in prison. Shortly after his release in 1975, he witnessed the first major demonstration in Israel of the Kfir (Young Lion), a fighter-bomber which closely resembles the Mirage.

The Jewish World

In the late 1960s, Frauenknecht was chief engineer of the jet fighter aircraft division of the Swiss firm of Sulzer Brothers, based in the Zurich suburb of Winterthur. At Sulzer, Frauenknecht had supervised the construction of the Mirage for the Swiss air force. In the 1967 Six Day War, Israeli pilots flying the Mirage had performed brilliantly. But now, as the dust of that conflict settled, France refused to ship a batch of 50 Mirage jets Israel had ordered and already paid for.

The French embargo upset Frauenknecht, who sympathized with Israel's cause. He was one of those sensitive Europeans who felt a personal sense of shame for the Holocaust. Neither was he enamored of neutral Switzerland's policy toward Jewish refugees before and during the Second World War.

In 1938, the Swiss government reached an agreement with Nazi Germany providing for the letter "J" to be stamped in the passports of German-Jews trying to find refuge elsewhere in Europe. The xenophobic Swiss had no desire to be deluged by foreigners, especially Jews. In 1942, the Swiss police denied increasingly desperate Jewish refugees the right to claim refugee status "only on racial grounds," an edict which had the effect of dooming numerous Jews who might otherwise have found a haven in Switzerland. Nevertheless, the Swiss authorities did admit about 20,000 Jewish refugees by the time the war ended.

Weighed down by guilt over the fate of Jews who had perished in the Holocaust, Frauenknecht resolved he would help Israel. The French embargo, he calculated, was a threat to Israel's survival.

In return, he asked Israel for $200,000 (U.S.), a piddling sum, so that if he was caught, his wife would not be left in a financial lurch. "I would like you to clearly understand that I am not doing this for the money," Dennis Eisenberg, Uri Dan and Eli Landau quote Frauenknecht as saying in their book, *The Mossad*. "I am doing it to help you."

Frauenknecht devised an ingenious plan to smuggle the blueprints out of Switzerland. The first shipment arrived in Israel in October of 1968; the last, nearly one year later. He sent more than two tons of documents to Israel, the most important of which were needed to build the frame and the engine of what would be the Kfir.

After the scheme unravelled and he was arrested, Frauenknecht said he had broken Swiss laws because he was "still haunted by the memory of Dachau and Auschwitz." He spent 18 months in jail before finally being brought to trial. In the last years of his life, Frauenknecht worked as an engineer and an inventor, living in a five-room house filled with books and souvenirs about Israel sent by his admirers in the Jewish state.

The Israeli government, however, did not officially acknowledge Frauenknecht's contribution to Israel's defence. Israel was reluctant to ruffle its cordial relations with Switzerland. In the harsh world of espionage, as Frauenknecht well knew, there is no room for sentiment. — S.K.

Jezreel Valley is in trouble

By
CATHERINE GERSON

It was once the most verdant area of Israel, the Jewish state's agriculture showpiece where pioneers drained the malarial swamps and turned them into arable land.

The Emek Jezreel, the broad valley east of the coastal plane, gateway to the hills of Galilee, inspired songwriters and poets.

It was and still is the site of some of Israel's largest kibbutzim.

But now the green is fading, as patches of dry, yellow, desolate earth appear on tens of thousands of acres of what was once prime agrarian land.

Because the soil has become too salty, nearly 40 per cent of the avocado fields have been damaged, the cotton fields are in danger and so are other crops.

At an emergency meeting at the Agriculture Ministry last year, it was decided that the Jewish National Fund, Israel's land acquisition and reclamation agency, would supply 40 per cent of the budget to save the valley over the next four to five years.

It was JNF, at a historic meeting in The Hague in 1921, which changed its earlier practice of buying land for the Jewish patrimony in and around Jerusalem and in the Negev.

It decided instead to concentrate on the Jezreel Valley, which became the byword in Israel for lush fertility.

While draining the swamps, the JNF contained the water, a precious resource, for irrigation. Ironically, it was the success of that project that brought on the current crisis.

JNF director Ori Orr, a retired Israel Defence Force general, explained what happened during a recent press tour of the region.

"Because the natural underground water sources of the area always had a high percentage of salt, the earth became steadily more salty as a side effect of the large man-made reservoirs built to increase the volume of water available for irrigation," Orr said.

These reservoirs upset the natural process that washes the salt out of the soil every year.

"Large tracts gradually absorbed too much salt and became unsuitable for the agriculture on which most of the area's settlements depend."

Orr said the problem dates from the construction of the Baruch reservoir three years ago to preserve water for farmers. It became apparent that the good intentions backfired.

The dam built on the Kishon River diverted river and rainwater away from their natural path to the sea into the reservoir. No longer was the soil washed of salt by torrents flowing to the Mediterranean.

That wash was needed to keep the underground salt from saturating the earth, Orr explained.

The JNF has committed some $5 million toward correcting the problem, and the Agriculture Ministry about $7.5 million.

JNF officials are optimistic, particularly because the minister of agriculture, former IDF Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, owns a farm in the Jezreel Valley. — *JTA*

Delay in emigration reforms concerns Jewish groups, U.S.

WASHINGTON (JTA) Reports that the Soviet legislature has indefinitely postponed action on long-promised emigration reforms have deeply disappointed Jewish groups and brought a stern warning from the U.S. government.

The reactions came after the Reuters news agency quoted a member of the Supreme Soviet's foreign affairs committee April 15 as saying that conservative lawmakers have put the long-pending emigration reform bill on hold because they fear it would lead to a mass exodus and "brain drain" from the Soviet Union.

In response, the State Department warned that President Bush will not waive remaining economic sanctions against the Soviet Union until the Supreme Soviet approves the promised emigration reforms.

Jewish groups expressed dismay at the latest Soviet delay.

Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, called it "regrettable that they haven't been able to move and put their laws in conformity with their international obligations."

Micah Naftalin, national director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, predicted that the bill would be revisited in September, when Moscow is to host a human rights conference sponsored by the Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe, a multinational human rights monitoring group.

The CSCE, which will be holding its first-ever meeting in the Soviet Union, drafted the 1975 Helsinki Accords, which call on the treaty signers, including the Soviets, to guarantee their citizens the right to emigrate freely.

The Soviets are seeking a complete waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the U.S. Trade Act, which bars the U.S. government from giving preferential trade benefits, known as most-favored-nation status, to countries that it contends do not have satisfactory emigration policies.

Bush signed a new trade pact here last spring with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and last December announced a partial waiver of Jackson-Vanik to provide the Soviets with as much as a billion dollars in agricultural credits through this July.

But that waiver took place after Gorbachev had promised, at a 1989 summit meeting in Malta, to work to pass the emigration law.

The Soviet "failure to act" more than a year later suggests that Gorbachev has been "forced to face a political reality and that this isn't very high on his priority agenda," Wenick said.

The State Department statement said that "until the Soviet government enacts new emigration legislation," Bush will not submit the trade agreement to Congress for possible ratification.

Under the trade agreement, the Soviets would receive most-favored-nation trade status and thereby have U.S. duties lowered on their imports to the level imposed on most U.S. trading partners.

Ironically, the proposed emigration bill would generally help non-Jewish ethnic groups more than it would help Jews, since Jews, like ethnic Germans, are currently singled out to emigrate in large numbers on the rationale that they are being repatriated to their respective homelands.

But the bill would also help those Jews who are currently refused permission to emigrate based on their alleged past access to "state secrets" or because of outstanding obligations to "poor relatives" who claim they rely on the prospective emigres to subsist.

Despite the problems with getting the bill enacted, Wenick expressed satisfaction with what he called the Soviet's current "de facto" liberal emigration policies toward Jews.

But he expressed concern about the conservative Soviet politicians' influence in blocking a vote on the bill, which he said could translate to influence over the de facto policy at present.

"Unfortunately this points to the continuing political chaos in the Soviet Union," said Wenick. "It does not portend well for the future."

Naftalin of the Union of Councils, who is leaving for a two-week tour of the Soviet Union, said the CSCE meeting next fall would provide a forum for urging the bill's passage. But he said that as long as Gorbachev stays in power, "I don't have much faith in their willingness to pass the law."

Soviet conservatives view emigration as a "liberal freedom," explained Naftalin. He claimed that Gorbachev, who is increasingly siding with the conservatives, has "shown no fundamental commitment to Jews" having ignored pleas to speak out against anti-Semitism.

He contended that Gorbachev had let thousands of Soviet Jews emigrate each month "in the hope of wooing Western credits" and obtaining a complete waiver of Jackson-Vanik.

By contrast, should Boris Yeltsin, the radical reform-minded president of the Russian republic, grasp power from Gorbachev, "I think that Yeltsin would be stronger on this issue," Naftalin said.

Yeltsin "has been a proponent of the whole range of human rights and pro-democracy reforms," Naftalin said. "I think that he ties human rights and independence for the republics and democracies all in the same package."

Wenick said it is unclear who would be better on Jewish emigration issues. But he observed that among the competing Soviet political forces, Soviet conservatives "have been the least friendly to general issues of democracy and particularly Jewish issues," such as emigration.

But he added that "the bottom line is that under Gorbachev, the doors are open" for Soviet Jews to emigrate.

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Israel

Official visit with Kemp denied

Israel protests Washington's treatment of Sharon

WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel's cabinet secretary, Elyakim Rubinstein, has formally protested to U.S. Ambassador in Israel William Brown that Washington's treatment of Housing and Construction Minister Ariel Sharon, who was not allowed to meet his counterpart, Jack Kemp, in his Washington office May 1, was "unacceptable."

"The prime minister (Yitzhak Shamir) feels that the criticism directed at minister Sharon was inappropriate, given that he is a member of the government of Israel," the Prime Minister's Office announced.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office said that, before the protest was issued, Sharon phoned Shamir to complain that he was not receiving backing.

Washington's rebuff of Sharon sparked off a rush to his defence among the Likud and right-wing parties, which demanded a strong government protest and an official apology by State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler. Even opposition leader Shimon Peres joined in, stating that the rebuff of Sharon was an insult to the State of Israel and urging the government to react.

"The Israeli government must respond swiftly and firmly to this attack on it . . . No independent country with any self-respect can accept such an insult," Sharon declared.

Behind Washington's snub of Sharon is U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's wish to express his displeasure with the timing of new settlements during his recent peace efforts in the region, officials and observers say.

"There is no question they (the Bush administration) are angry," a senior Israeli official said.

While Baker has criticized settlement activity, he had been walking somewhat of a diplomatic tightrope during his visits, and now wants to vent his frustration. There are reports that the administration is upset that Shamir did not actively halt the establishment of Revava and Talmon B, which occurred on the eve of separate Baker visits to Jerusalem.

Baker knows that there are those, like Sharon, who view the establishment of new settlements and the expansion of old ones as ways to undermine U.S. peace plans, and therefore Baker does not want to play into his hands. At the same time, Baker has not pushed Shamir for a settlement freeze at this time, knowing that seven coalition MKs may deprive the government of its majority.

"It is inappropriate for the State Department to tell the housing secretary who he should and shouldn't meet with," said pro-Israel Congressman Larry Smith (D-Fla.) in Washington. He attributed the flap over the Sharon-Kemp meeting to the Bush administration's "disappointment" with the peace process, and said that their feeling of being let down by events in the Middle East was "bleeding over into other areas."

Though he disapproved of Baker's move, Smith described Sharon's statements and behavior regarding settlements as an "irritant" to U.S.-Israel relations. He said that even though strongly pro-Israel congressmen like himself are "less than enthusiastic about what Sharon is doing" in the territories, this was no reason for the adminstration to treat Sharon "inappropriately."

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon

Likud circles, including many who oppose Sharon's views within the party, were furious at the way he was treated by Baker and the administration, which they called "a blatant violation of any known diplomatic norm." Baker had forced Kemp to move the meeting with Sharon from Kemp's cabinet office to the Israeli embassy.

Banana republic

"I think a minister of a democratic state should receive a minister from another democratic state, regardless of the other's opinions," continued Kleiner. "Even Mikhail Gorbachev received the right-wing Tehiya Minister Yuval Ne'eman with proper circumstance, although he knew Ne'eman was far from sharing his views.

"We are not a banana republic. Tutwiler has openly set a new norm, that professional ministers meeting their colleagues from different states must be checked out first to see whether their opinions correspond."

The Knesset is expected to give urgency this week to several motions for the agenda on the episode.

James Baker expresses displeasure

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Traffic slowly picking up following Gulf War

El Al anticipating increase in tourism this summer

NEW YORK (JTA) — The explosion of the Persian Gulf War in January nearly brought Israeli tourism to a halt.

"This year was the first very bad period of time we've had since 1982," said Rafi Harlev, president of El Al Airlines. "But now we are back to normal. Traffic for Passover was good, with a great deal of tourists from the U.S. and Canada."

Although El Al forecasts do not yet show an increased number of tourists to Israel this summer, the increasing popularity of late bookings has made such forecasts increasingly unreliable.

"Now, as always after Passover and before the summer, it's kind of slow," Harlev said. "But we expect tourism to pick up in the last quarter of June and we anticipate a reasonably good summer."

El Al, Israel's national airline, was the only airline to maintain regular flights to Israel during the Persian Gulf War, underscoring the airline's commitment to maintaining a consistent schedule of flights to Israel despite potential losses.

According to Harlev, El Al posted half its usual profit this year.

"I'm proud to say we finalized 1990 making some money. Unlike other airlines, El Al emerged from the crisis not in the red, but in the black."

In August, after Iraq invaded Kuwait, people were still traveling to Israel. The downturn in tourism began in September, with a 30 per cent reduction, and deepened significantly as the situation worsened. Revenues dropped accordingly.

Having anticipated a decline in business, El Al immediately laid off 700 workers and converted its passenger planes into freight carriers.

Although there was a slight increase in the number of tourists in December, by January tourism to Israel had come to a virtual halt.

According to Harlev, although 60 per cent of El Al's annual revenues come from incoming passenger traffic to Israel, the rise of the civilian freight business compensated for a great deal of the reduction in passenger traffic.

Immediately after the war, the freighters were converted back into passenger planes to cope with the overwhelming demand for Passover flights to Israel.

In anticipation of the busy summer tourist season, El Al is offering its passengers various deals and bonuses. Its frequent flyer program, however, is relatively weak.

Questioned about this, Harlev explained that El Al has been refused inclusion in other airlines' frequent flyer programs.

"We've been trying to strike up deals with other airlines," he said. "No airline wants to have a relationship with El Al, because they fly to Arab countries and are afraid of losing business. Therefore, our program can be implemented only on El Al routes."

Many of the El Al flights arriving in Israel daily bring in immigrants — mostly from the Soviet Union; some from Ethiopia. In December, the number of immigrants doubled, with 30,000 new olim entering the country as opposed to the usual monthly figure of 15,000.

El Al generally brings in 70-80 per cent of olim to Israel, with the remainder arriving on Eastern European airlines.

On Jan. 23, one week after the first Scud attack on Israel, El Al began direct chartered flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow.

The current 20 weekly flights to and from Moscow, however, are available for tourists and visitors only. Immigrants must now first fly to Budapest, Warsaw or Romania, where they board the El Al planes that bring them to Israel.

"This plan is a political matter and not up to us," Harlev stressed. "If the relationship between Israel and the Soviet Union develops as anticipated, flights for immigrants will develop accordingly."

According to Harlev, El Al has given a commitment to the Israeli government that it will bring all immigrants into Israel within 12 hours of their exodus from their original countries, regardless of the number.

"So far we've stuck to our commitment," Harlev said.

Peace movement growing, says Yesh Gvul activists

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — The peace movement in Israel is overcoming its disarray stemming from the Gulf War, say two spokesmen for Yesh Gvul — a movement of Israel Defence Force selective conscientious objectors who refuse to serve over the 1967 Green Line.

Addressing some 80 supporters of Jews for a Just Peace at the Morris Winchevsky Centre last week, Michael Levin and Meir Amur said a growing number of Israelis are coming to the realization that the Palestinians must be either expelled wholesale or allowed to form their own state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The peace activists defended the West Bank Arabs who danced on their rooftops as Iraqi Scuds roared overhead on their course to Tel Aviv. (A curfew prevented celebrations in the streets.)

"You have to understand the Palestinians are 23 years under oppression. A lot of Israelis would jump on their roofs if a Scud would fall on Ramallah or Nablus," observed Levin.

"Even (Labor Party leader) Shimon Peres said, 'What are you blaming them for? What did you want them to do? Grieve?'."

Levin, 49, is currently touring North America to publicize Yesh Gvul and raise funds for jailed reservists, who forfeit the national Insurance benefits to which *miluimnikim* are entitled during their annual call-up.

The Six Day War veteran was joined by Amur, a 36-year-old captain (res.) in the elite Golani Brigade who has been studying for a PhD in sociology at the University of Toronto since August.

Michael Levin

"The moment you recognize there is a Palestinian people who have the same rights as you as a human being, you cannot anymore treat them in the same manner as you used to," he stated.

Amur explained he formed his appreciation for Palestinian human rights during his stints in Lebanon from 1982 to 1985.

"For the first time in my life, I discovered the Palestinian people — an amazing statement for someone who has lived in Israel all his life.

"If I am trying to get any closer toward peace, I have to refuse to serve in the occupied territories."

Founded in 1982 in response to Israel's invasion of Lebanon, Yesh Gvul is a common Hebrew pun meaning both "there's a limit" and "there's a border."

Initially Israel's peace camp reacted with hostility to the soldiers' movement, Levin said. Many considered the refusal of orders for reasons of conscience to be treasonous, he explained.

To date, some 1,000 IDF soldiers, mostly reservists, have refused to serve in the territories, he said. Yesh Gvul has no formal membership. Those numbers have swelled since the intifada erupted in December 1987.

About 140 have been sentenced to a term in a military prison, including 20 officers, one with the rank of major, Levin reported.

The IDF reassigns most objectors to duties inside Israel's old borders in order to avoid demoralizing its ranks, he claimed.

"Our mission here is to bring to Jewish public opinion that there is a peace movement in Israel," Levin concluded.

"To support the peace movement there is to support Israel."

Murder suspect arrested

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A 19-year-old Palestinian waiter linked to the fundamentalist Hamas movement has been arrested for the fatal stabbing of a French woman who was on a religious pilgrimage to Christian shrines in Bethlehem.

Khaled Asakra, a resident of nearby Abadiya village, surrendered to police after Anne Lei, 64, was murdered April 30 with a 16-inch kitchen knife as she left the restroom in the Andalus Restaurant, where Asakra was working.

Israeli authorities said the murder was related to the internecine violence among Palestinians in which Muslim extremists have frequently assaulted Christian Arabs.

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World

Anti-Semitism resurfaces in European centres

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The aftermath of the Gulf War has revealed new currents of anti-Semitism in Europe, the Paris-based representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre said recently.

In the aftermath of the Holocaust, Jews experienced a "Teflon" protection from anti-Semitic attacks. That Teflon has eroded, Shimon Samuels said in an interview.

During the recent Gulf War, various European newspapers often referred to the conflict as "the Jewish war." Demonstrators carried placards saying "No to war for Israel," while flyers were distributed in Paris mail boxes calling for boycotts of Jewish businesses, Samuels said.

Iraqi Scud missile attacks showed that Israel could be the victim of unprovoked aggression and not retaliate, Samuels said. Europeans "cheered" when Israel did nothing, reserving their sympathy for Jews as victims.

Meanwhile, language associated with the Holocaust is getting wider use in anti-Jewish discourse. Terms such as the Palestinian Holocaust, pogroms, selections and Beirut compared to the Warsaw ghetto assuages any remaining guilt Europeans may feel about the Holocaust, he said.

Samuels, European director of the Centre, said many prominent Europeans are raising issues related to Jews in a number of anti-Semitic contexts:

• The number two man in the Hungarian Democratic Forum, Istvan Cirkva, recently suggested that if it is alright for someone to be a philo-Semite, why would it be wrong to be an anti-Semite.

• Poland's Josef Cardinal Glemp's attacks on Jews serves to educate a new generation in anti-Semitic discourse.

• Romanian Prime Minister Petru Roman recently had to publicize his baptismal certificate to show his non-Jewish credentials.

• The ex-treasurer of the fascist Iron Guard recently returned to Romania to bankroll the Romanian Hearth movement, which publishes *Greater Romania*, an openly anti-Semitic weekly.

While Croatian nationalists are bending over backwards to show their friendship to Jews (as are Serbs in the fractious Yugoslav federation), at the same time nationalists are rehabilitating the names of many wartime leaders.

In Slovakia, Samuels said, a plaque was erected in the memory of wartime leader Josef Tiso, seen by Slovak nationalists as an anti-Communist hero but by Jews as a war criminal.

While continuing to monitor the situation in Eastern Europe, the Wiesenthal Centre is also focusing on the western half of the continent to study the impact of Islam, the second most popular religion, Samuels said.

During the Gulf War, some Turks and Arabs, broadcasting in their own languages, urged the murder of Jews — a call that outraged moderates in their communities, he said.

The Stockholm-based Radio Islam was closed after its director was convicted on 18 counts of anti-Semitic incitement and jailed for six months.

The Wiesenthal Centre is also involved in trying to sensitize European legislators to the dangers of transnational corporations selling poison gas technology to countries like Iraq.

Jewish gun control opposition under attack in advertisement

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Jewish organizations are outraged at an advertisement that attacks their stance on gun control and calls Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) a "stupid Jew" for backing a major gun control bill working its way through Congress.

The advertisement, published in the April 19 edition of *The New Gun Week*, described "Schumer and other Jewish gun-grabbers — notably the B'nai B'rith and its Anti-Defamation League" as being "stupid."

"They cannot see that their gun control activities fuel the fires of real anti-Semitism," the ad said, contending that "tens of millions of Americans" increasingly find "their civil right to own guns reduced by these pro-criminal Jews."

The ad was placed by Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, a Milwaukee-based group that claims 1,000 members.

In an interview, Aaron Zelman, executive director of the group, accused proponents of the gun control bill of "letting the Jews do the dirty work."

The so-called Brady Bill would impose a mandatory seven-day waiting period on new applicants for gun permits. The bill, which was approved a week ago by the House judiciary committee and is expected to reach the House floor this week, is named for James Brady, the former White House press secretary who was shot and paralyzed during the unsuccessful 1981 attempt on the life of then President Reagan.

Zelman said that by taking such a high profile in support of the bill, Schumer in particular is creating the impression that "Jews are behind gun control."

Schumer, who, as chairman of the judiciary subcommittee on crime and criminal justice, is a key supporter of the bill, told the *New York Daily News* that the advertisement "appeals to the worst instincts in people."

Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the ADL, called Zelman's argument a "red herring" and "demeaning" to public policy.

Mark Pelavin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, said that "injecting religious bigotry into a public debate is well beyond the bounds of reasoned political discourse."

CJC assists Kurdish refugees

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Jewish Congress national executive resolved to send money to the Kurds of Iraq fleeing the oppression of Saddam Hussein.

The executive approved a motion put forward by David Satok of Toronto calling for an "adequate contribution" to Kurdish relief through channels to be determined. The motion required approval of the CJC officers.

Satok said the plight of the Kurdish refugees is "so similar to the Jewish experience."

It was noted that the National Budgeting Conference had recommended that the federations donate $10,000 to help the Kurds, but the idea was rejected by Montreal and Toronto.

Last month, CJC president Les Scheininger issued a statement expressing the Jewish community's distress at the suffering of the Kurds.

Past president Dorothy Reitman suggested the CJC contribution might have to be raised privately, in a fashion simular to the Jewish community's project for the Vietnamese 'boat people' in the late '70s.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko offered the idea of a well-publicized National Day of Jewish Solidarity with the Kurds. Milton Winston said Jews have a "moral commitment" to respond to the Kurds' suffering.

Executive vice-president Alan Rose called the Kurds "our allies," noting that in 1970-71 the Kurds, at the risk of their own lives, helped Jews out of Iraq.

He suggested the money be given to Israel's emergency service, Magen David Adom, which has been quietly helping in the relief effort.

The federations should not be faulted for not agreeing to assist the Kurds, executive chairman Moshe Ronen added, because of the priority they must place on Operation Exodus.

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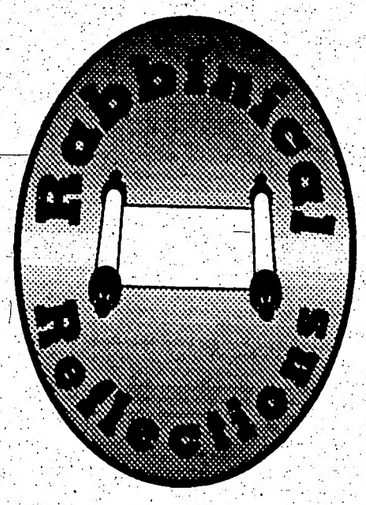

By
RABBI RON AIGEN

The main theme of Leviticus has been instruction on how to create holiness in our lives. Much of the book dealt with the sacrificial cult, the ancient means for drawing close to God.

The role of the priesthood is also described in great detail, emphasizing the importance of those who will teach the difference between sacred and profane and help society to distinguish between these realms of life. Also found in Leviticus are the lofty ethical principles of the Holiness Code: "You shall not oppress the stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt;" "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor;" "Love your neighbor as yourself, I am the Eternal." These and many other such exalted ethical principles constitute the book of Leviticus which may be summarized in the verse, "You shall be holy, for I the Eternal your God am holy."

This week's Torah portion, Behar-Behukotai, gives a concluding lesson on developing the sanctity of our lives. The final chapter of Leviticus deals with the issue of making vows with a pledge of money "equivalent for a human being." These were vows made for the maintenance of the Temple, the major communal, religious institution of ancient Jewish life. Such vows were to be made according to the following scale: "if it is a male from age twenty to sixty years of age, the equivalent is fifty shekels of silver . . . if it is a female, the equivalent is thirty shekels. If the age is from five years to twenty, the equivalent is twenty shekels for a male and ten shekels for a female. If the age is from one month to five years, the equivalent for a male is five shekels and the equivalent for a female is three shekels of silver. If the age is sixty years or over, the equivalent is fifteen shekels in the case of a male and ten shekels for a female. But if one cannot afford the equivalent, he shall be presented before the priest, and the priest shall assess him . . . according to what the vower can afford." (Lev. 27:3-8)

In an attempt to explain the obvious male bias of the biblical society, Rabbi Hertz tells us his commentary: "The valuation seems to have been made on the basis of what might be called the market value of the individual's labor. A woman, not possessing the physical strength of a man, had a lower valuation set upon her." This doesn't explain why the same sex bias is found in the case of minors and aged populations. Unfortunately, Rabbi Hertz' apologies will no longer help us to accept the totally unacceptable discrepancy between the "valuation" of the male and a female life.

While we can understand that the Torah is making different economic demands for those with different earning capacities, we should not make the mistake of confusing human worth with one's ability to produce in the market place. This has become a major problem in the modern world. We have lost sight of the true worth of human life, to the extent that we equate one's worth or worthwhileness with earning capacity or productivity. This creates a crisis situation for the elderly and unemployed who no longer have a "market-place value."

At the other end of the life cycle, we put enormous pressure on our children to produce — the best grades, the best schools, the best careers. How often do we define "good kids" according to material criteria of success?

The Torah speaks of the human need to give of oneself to one's fullest and best ability. While we may no longer distinguish between the ability of male and female, there are differences as to what we can give at various stages of life. The important point was that each gave to their best ability, "and the priest shall assess according to what the vower can afford."

We need to relearn the teaching that Judaism attempted over 3,000 years ago — the basic sanctity of human life is equally inherent in every man and woman, rich or poor, Jew or non-Jew. That is the lesson on the value of life found in the book of Leviticus.

Rabbi Ron Aigen is the spiritual leader of Congregation Dorshei Emet — the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Montreal.

Kosher restaurant opens near Warsaw synagogue

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Kosher roast beef, gefilte fish, chopped liver and cookies shaped like Jewish stars were available recently in Warsaw at the opening of the first kosher restaurant in Poland in some 30 years.

The Menora restaurant, located at Plac Gryzbowski 2, opposite Warsaw's Nozyck Synagogue and the Yiddish Theatre, was inaugurated "in the belief that it would be very beneficial both to the local Jewish community and Jewish tourists coming to Poland," said Rabbi Michael Schudrich of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation.

The restaurant "can also be a cultural bridge to those Poles who want to taste authentic Jewish food," he added.

The Lauder Foundation, which has wanted to see a kosher restaurant opened in Poland for the last three years, enabled its dream to come to fruition through a grant it made to the Warsaw Jewish community. But the enterprise was actually opened by a Polish gourmet specialty cooperative that owns a chain of more than a dozen ethnic restaurants in Warsaw, Schudrich said.

The glatt kosher facility, which seats about 100, operates under the hashgachah, or kosher certification, of Rabbi Pinchas Menachem Joskowicz, the chief rabbi of Poland, a Polish native who returned to that country from his long-time home in Israel to serve the Jewish community there.

The resident shochet, or ritual slaughterer, also returned to his country of birth. Simon Heistein of South Carolina, a Holocaust survivor who has also lived in Israel, is officially employed by the Association of Jewish Congregations as shochet and mashgiach.

The opening reception was attended by representatives of the Jewish community, including guests from the synagogue, the Jewish Historical Institute and the Warsaw Jewish Youth Club, as well as representatives from the Israeli, American and Canadian embassies.

"It was well covered by the Polish press and television, as well as foreign press," Schudrich said.

"We are working on it to be profitable and viable for the local community. The one thing we definitely want to work out are Shabbat meals on a regular basis for the youth of Warsaw. We are hopeful to institute not only a place to eat kosher, but a place to be Jewish," he said.

One of those youths, Mateusz Kos, 19, whose bar mitzvah six years ago was a main event in a community wanting for young observant Jews, said by telephone: "It is fantastic there is at last the possibility to keep kosher, especially glatt kosher."

He added realistically: "I would be glad to visit it more often if I can afford it."

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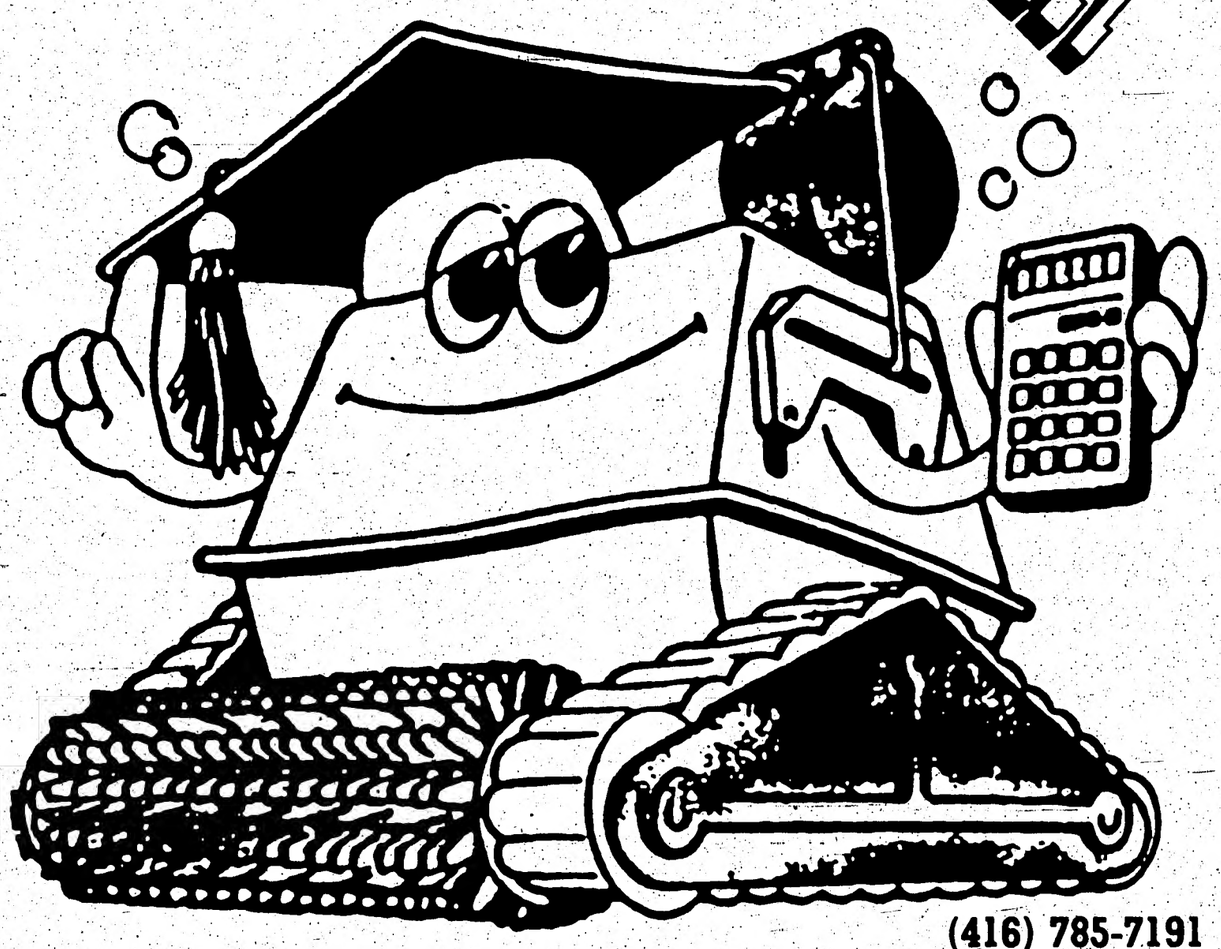

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Organizations and People

At the JWF Annual Board Meeting were (from left) Judy Noyek, president JWF, Rabbi Reuven Kimelman and Lorraine Sandler, vice-chairman, 1992 UJA Women's Campaign.

Democracy useful for Israel's security: Rabbi Kimelman

TORONTO —

The possibility of an independent, democratic Palestinian entity co-existing peacefully with Israel was explored by Rabbi Reuven Kimelman at the Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) recent annual board meeting.

Rabbi Kimelman said the political discussion about Israel has centred upon the dilemma of whether Israel can remain a democracy if it holds on to Judea and Samaria, or whether it can remain secure if it allows a Palestinian political entity in this area.

The choice seems to be between democracy and security, said Rabbi Kimelman, a senior scholar at the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership and associate professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University.

Presenting the alternative possibility of using democracy to enhance security, he pointed out that since the Second World War there has not been a war between two democracies.

He reminded his audience of how difficult it is to take a democratic country into an offensive war as the population must be assured that its own security is at stake.

A democracy truly exists, he said, when a government has been not only elected in, but voted out. It is the peaceful transition of power that shows evidence of a democracy. Such a democratic Palestinian state with an imposed constitution would provide Israel with a negotiating partner.

Rabbi Kimelman noted, "There is not a truly peaceful border in all the Middle East." The major issue in each case is the nature of the negotiating party. With the possibility of another Arab state being created who would the negotiating partners be, he asked.

He pointed out that there are two options, the political or the religious.

"It is quite a difference whether you are facing an Arab who comes from his political roots or whether you are facing an Arab who comes from his religious roots."

According to Rabbi Kimelman, the Palestinian or political Arab offers a possibility of a negotiating partner with Israel, but the religious or Islamic offers none.

Using a traditional analogy of G-d and Israel as marriage partners, he showed how according to fundamentalist Islamic thought there is no room for the first wife (Israel) in the house with the third wife (Islam) and especially not in the bedroom (Jerusalem).

Judy Noyek, chairman of the meeting and president of Jewish Women's Federation of Toronto Jewish Congress spoke about the Jewish mosaic that the JWF represents and highlighted past and future programing.

She said that the annual UJA night has been scheduled for Oct. 17 and two dynamic speakers will be featured. They are Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and chairman of National Conference on Soviet Jewry; and Sylvia Hassenfeld, president of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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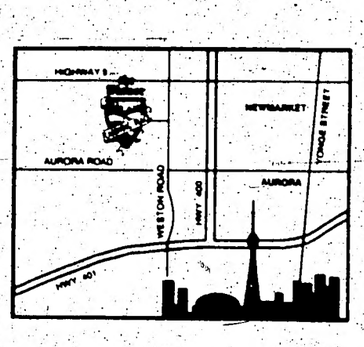

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Israel must be wary of Arabs while seeking peace: Feder

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Israelis should negotiate with, but be wary of their Arab foes, since there is no silver lining of peaceful relations on the horizon, a visiting Israeli scholar said recently.

The Jewish state faces an implacable enemy whose background and history leads to pessimistic conclusions about the chances for a quick solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Rabbi Avraham Feder, former president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, told about 300 people at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue recently.

Speaking on the topic, Can there ever be genuine peace between Muslims and Infidels?, Rabbi Feder said Israel's Arab neighbors are still strongly influenced by a tribal legacy and view of the world.

"The spectre of shame and honor is everything. . . [it] characterizes the most important way Arabs relate to everyone, especially enemies," Rabbi Feder said.

Often, coming to terms with their adversaries is preceded by some sort of score-setting, since straight compromise implies giving something up and a loss of honor, the rabbi said. For many Arabs whose honor is more important than life, war is a preferable option to some compromises, he added.

Feder said he had recently concluded a reading of the Koran and had also been influenced by British author David Pryce-Jones' book, *The Closed Circle*, which examines Arab culture and thinking.

Since almost all Arab leaders got to the top of their country's political hierarchy through Mafia-like violence, and show themselves ready to use extreme violence on their foes (even fellow Muslims), Jews must be especially wary, Rabbi Feder said. "At the least, every Jew in the world should be aware of who we're dealing with."

In Muslim society, non-Muslims are "on the bottom, a dhimmi [second class citizen]."

Examining how the Jewish state can deal with this regional climate, Rabbi Feder said "Israel can take care of an Arab threat if it can dictate the terms, but Israel's great fear is if it is weakened by the United States."

Israelis are concerned about the U.S. view of the region as a sort of football contest that is quickly concluded before leaving and returning home.

Israeli Jews know the Mideast way of doing business and are ready for peace talks, "but with power behind them and security foremost in mind."

The rabbi said Israel is still faced with an implacable enemy who won't give an inch until forced to, and that Jews should "sniff out any attempt by the West to pull the wool over Jews' eyes."

Jews must be very wary of a U.S.-Europe imposed solution to the Middle East conflict, he concluded.

Rabbi Avraham Feder

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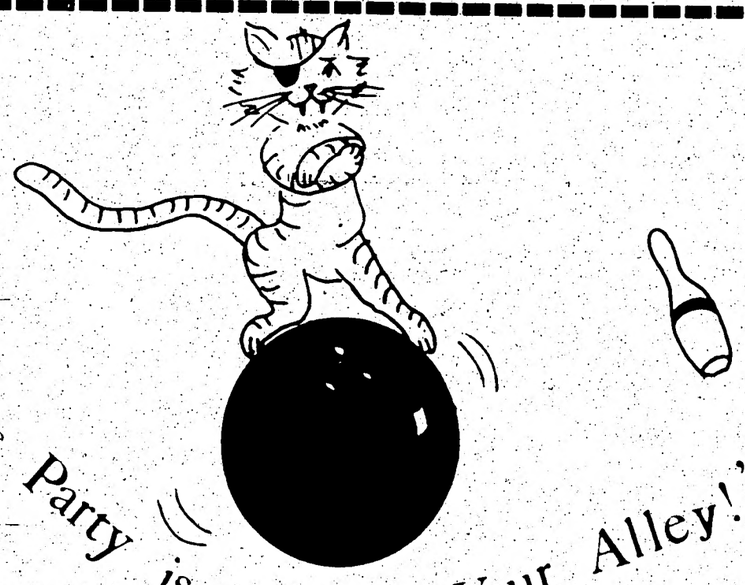

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Organizations and People

Women must act to separate myth from reality, says Abella

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

One of women's greatest challenges in the coming years will be to disentangle all the myths about them from reality, says lawyer and judge Rosalie Abella

Abella, chairman of the Ontario Law Reform Commission was guest speaker at the annual Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture held recently at Adath Israel Synagogue.

She told the capacity crowd that there are many myths surrounding women, each of which should be debunked. "The first myth is that the ideal woman is a superwoman. This is an exhausting and unfair myth.

"The truth is, that every superwoman has help, be it a housekeeper, husband, mother or even a large bankbook. Let's applaud the real superwoman — the secretaries, clerks and factory workers who work without any recognition."

Abella said that another myth is that the universe always unfolds as it should. "By leaving the equality of women to time, we are saying that inequities are not urgent. Intervention actually accelerates change."

She added that the irony behind this however, is that when women do intervene on their own behalf they are accused of activism and radicalism. "Many say that we cannot afford to interfere, but can we really afford not to? The benefits are immeasurable and incalculable."

She said some fear that intervention on behalf of women will bring about reverse discrimination. "Positive employment practices are not designed to keep men out but rather to include women. We do not mean to create reverse discrimination but rather to reverse discrimination."

Abella told the group that there seems to be a desperate need to distance ourselves from the word feminist. "There are indeed some radical feminists, but extremes do not define a movement. What can be wrong with any philosophy that urges tolerance and human rights?"

She said that as women, "our views will differ because all of us differ and ideologies differ freely in a democracy. We must, however, learn which voices we should pay attention to— which voices increase choice and which try to have it prevented."

She conceded that absolute equality may be a myth, but the reduction of inequality is not. "Each step towards equality is one block out of the way."

Abella said that even though Canada introduced family law reforms in 1968 which recognize marriage partners as being equal, "the old laws still haunt us. Although the script has changed, the props have not. Kitchens and carpools are mostly run by women."

She said that most married women and mothers now work "and many because they must. Why, though, do people ask why a woman works? Women are always made to feel that people are wondering why they work."

She added that "it is an enormous burden for working mothers to know that we lay our prophetic hindsights and rebukes at working mothers' feet."

An equally sinister side effect of having women in the workplace, says Abella, is that they are paid less and promoted less. "Women are also made to feel that they must work harder and be smarter than men and they must run 10 times as fast to stay in the same place. Women do not have the luxury of mediocrity."

Abella said that unless "we get back to tolerance and fairness we are risking our human dignity. We must know who we are leaving out and see how to let them in and stay in."

She added that we "must marginalize those who are intolerant so they are the aberration and not the norm."

Abella admitted that with such things as AIDS, the collapse of Communism and the release of Soviet Jews changing the face of the world so quickly, she cannot begin to predict the role of women in the next century.

"I can hope though for an end to pleading and kvetching on both sides. Hopefully, men and women will be allowed to become the best they can."

Props still the same

Reisman to discuss community trends

TORONTO —

Prof. Bernard Reisman of Brandeis University will be in Toronto May 29 to address the lay leadership of Toronto Jewish Congress and a luncheon jointly sponsored by TJC's professional development institute and the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service.

Director of Brandeis' Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, Reisman is considered one of the world's leading authorities on contemporary North American Jewry.

He will be speaking on current trends in the Jewish community and their impact on Jewish communal agencies and professionals.

In his analysis, Diaspora communities are now at a historic watershed which calls for "appropriate adaptations in the priorities and ambiance of the network of Jewish communal organizations and in the role of Jewish professionals," says a TAPJCS press release.

The lunch program is being presented to TAPJCS members, TJC staff and other communal professionals through the generosity of the Berman Fund of TJC's Bequest and Endowment Fund, and in co-operation with TJC's human resource department.

The lecture will take place at the Lipa Green Building on Wed., May 29 at 12 noon.

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Alzheimer's guide released

By
GIL KEZWER

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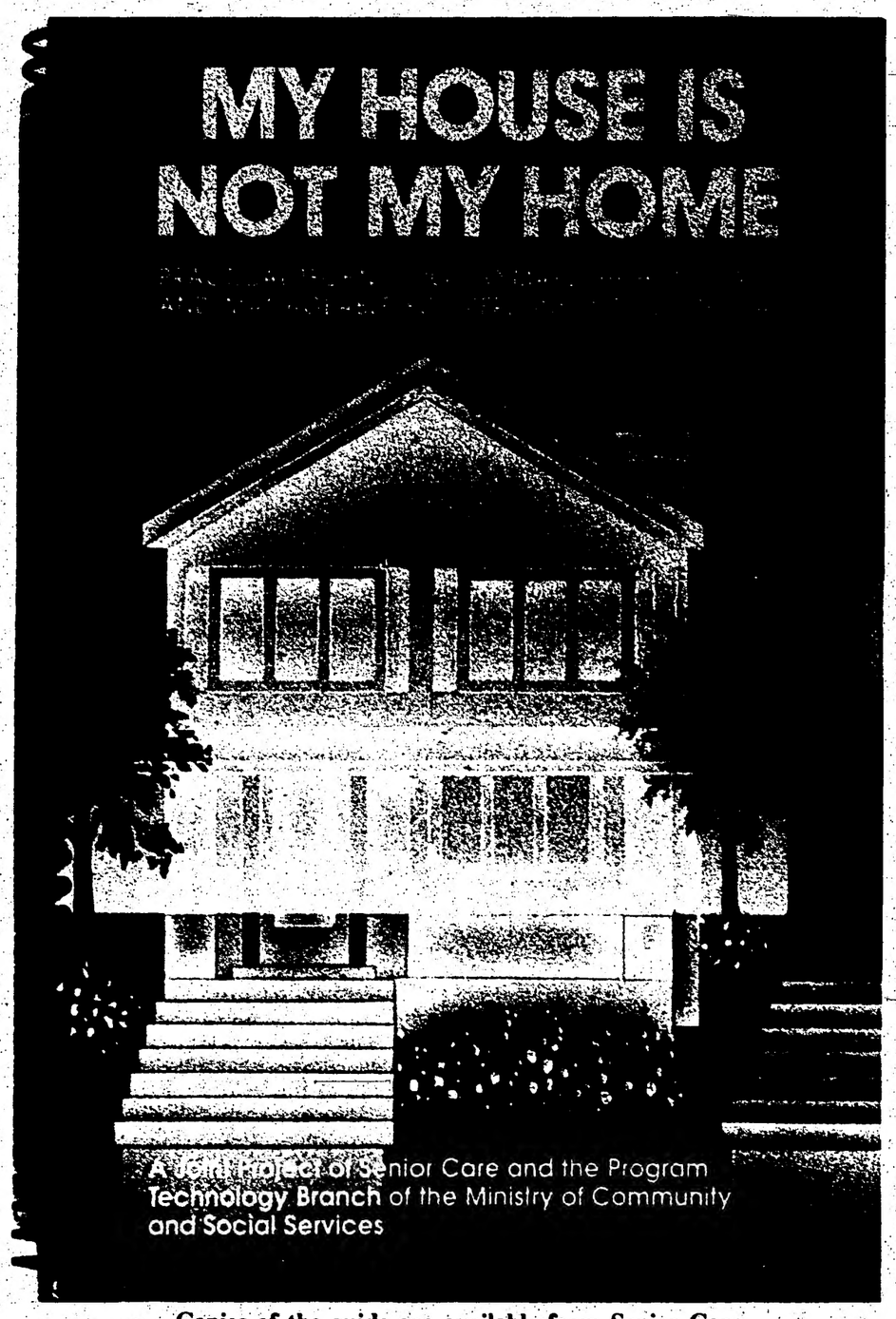
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Canadians join UJA Fly-In

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A total of 75 Canadians who have contributed $100,000 or more annually to the United Jewish Appeal were invited guests recently for the first time at the Washington Fly-In of the Prime Minister's Council of the American United Jewish Appeal.

The group met with U.S. Defence Secretary Richard Cheney, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, senior Senators and Congressmen, officials and Mid-East experts.

The Toronto delegation, led by UJA Campaign co-chairman Paul Morton and Judy Scheininger, numbered 60 people. The Montreal delegation included Campaign chairman Sol Polachek.

Julia Koschitzky, president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, said: "Our presence was very much felt."

Alexander Raab, of Goodwood, Ont., said a clear course of action, which emerged from the conference, was the need to challenge in a decisive way the Arab economic boycott against Israel and the countries complying with it, especially Japan. "The time has come to act collectively and militantly against it," Raab said.

Polachek said he was particulary impressed by the effective communication the American Jewish community has developed with U.S. political leaders. "They are not afraid to get up and point out right and wrong," he said.

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Organizations and People

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Sephardi community launches social, cultural centre

By
FRANCES KRAFT

THORNHILL — After some 20 years of talking about it, members of Toronto's Sephardi community, most of whom immigrated from Morocco in the '50s, '60s and '70s, now have a new home away from home, the 315-sq. metre Sepharad Centre, located in the Main Exchange Plaza at Bathurst and Steeles.

Tastefully decorated in grey and pink, it's a place to gather with friends over a fresh cappucino or a card game, or to relax on the plush black leather sofa in front of the large-screen TV downstairs. Members themselves, with a minimum of outside help, have transformed the former real estate office into an inviting meeting place in the tradition of Jewish social/recreation/cultural centres in Tangiers, hometown to about 85 per cent of the members.

The centre is run by a newly elected board of directors consisting of three women and eight men. They are planning lectures and events for seniors, youth and the general membership, consisting of about 150 people ranging in age from mid-20s to late 70s.

The first event to be held at the centre was a Mimouna night, the traditional Sephardi celebration to mark the end of Passover. About 250 people including children and guests of members gathered to sample sweets such as pastries and dried fruit.

By planning events such as the Mimouna night, board members hope to perpetuate Sephardi traditions and culture. They also hope to "cross boundaries" with the non-Sephardi community, according to board member Albert Bendahan.

Membership at the centre is open to all. Currently about 15 per cent of the membership consists of Ashkenazi spouses, and at least one Ashkenazi couple has expressed an interest in joining the club. It is hoped that public lectures to be held at the centre will also attract a more diverse group.

"We are a close-knit community," says board member James Dayan, speaking of the 2,000-strong Sephardi community in Toronto, "but we are very friendly, we welcome everybody."

Membership fees consist of a monthly amount, beginning in 1992. Currently there is no monthly charge, but there is an initiation fee of $250 for a single membership or $500 per family, which may be paid in installments. Family memberships include children under 18, who are welcome for special events only.

The centre is a non-profit organization and, says Dayan, no monies are owed. Several members donated money to purchase the furnishings and get the centre set up, and the rent is prepaid for a year.

The centre, more commonly referred to as "the club" by members, is open daily. It is closed Friday night and Saturday during the day. Anyone wishing further information may call 660-6851 during the afternoon or evening.

Israelis and Palestinians use trees to claim land in disputed areas

JERUSALEM — In the politically complex Middle East, even trees can become a political issue.

Shaul Cohen, a researcher at the Hebrew University's Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, said the planting of trees is used as a statement of possession and has been used by both Israeli authorities and Palestinians as a way to express their rights to disputed tracts of land, particularly in the Jerusalem area.

Cohen, speaking on A New Wall for Jerusalem: The Israeli-Palestinian Competition Over the Municipal Periphery, said the struggle will probably worsen, as there are only 35 square kilometres of land remaining for building purposes in Jerusalem.

For Israelis, Cohen said, the planting of forest trees has served to separate Arab and Jewish residential areas, as part of an overall master plan to create a Jewish National Fund green belt around Jerusalem. The Arab inhabitants of Jerusalem, on the other hand, have planted olive trees to claim a stake in lands which they view as theirs by ancestral right.

The root of the politics of tree planting can be found in Ottoman law, which defended "tree rights," provided such trees were not disturbed for three years.

Cohen said a classic case of "political plantings" a few years ago involved the wadi separating the Jewish East Talpiot section of Jerusalem from the neighboring Arab village of Zur Bacher, in which each side claimed the right to plant in the wadi.

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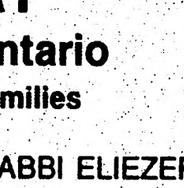

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Top Jewish jockey Walter Blum well-known in the winner's circle

By
HARLAN C. ABBEY

BUFFALO —

"I've won every derby there is, except the one I wanted to win the most, the Kentucky Derby," admitted Walter Blum, the most successful Jewish jockey in modern times.

Blum, who rode the winners of the California, Santa Anita, Louisiana, Michigan and New Jersey derbies during a 22-year career and totalled 4,047 wins, now is a racing official in Florida.

His biggest win probably was the Belmont Stakes, the one-and-a-half mile "test of champions" that completes the "triple crown" for three-year-old race horses that begins with the Kentucky Derby and also includes the Preakness Stakes. That was on Pass Catcher in 1971.

Although the million-dollar purses of the Breeders Cup races in November now may be the most sought after by horse-owners, Blum maintains "if I meet anyone the first thing they ask is 'did you ever win the Kentucky Derby?' "

Blum rode in "the most exciting two minutes in sports" three times. His best finish was fourth, aboard Reason to Hail, to Proud Clarion in 1967.

'But I really thought I had a good chance in 1973, when I was riding Royal and Regal, who won the Florida Derby," he recalled. "I was in a good spot and then a horse I hadn't really heard much about went by me like a streak of lightning." The "streak" was Secretariat.

Blum, who rode from 1953 to 1975, piloted the top sprinter Mr. Prospector and the great Kelso, and also rode Gun Bow in some memorable duels with Kelso.

Walter Blum: Everything but the Kentucky Derby.

Blum began his riding career with leading trainer Hirsch Jacobs, who was also Jewish, "but, truthfully, neither of us was very religious — although I'd never ride on Yom Kippur. I think Hirsch gave me a break because I worked hard and was dedicated. He'd do the same for anyone, no matter what their religion or color or nationality."

Blum say there are two kinds of jockeys:

"There are those with a natural rapport with the horse because of their touch on the reins that makes the horse realize what the jockey wants it to do. Horses run for riders like Willie Shoemaker and myself.

"Then there are jockeys like Eddie Arcaro and Lafitt Pincay, who make horses run for them."

With weight always a concern, Blum admits not eating "too many bagels with cream cheese" or "Mom's cooking" during his riding career.

In addition to his many racing wins, Blum also was highly regarded by his fellow jockeys, being elected president of the Jockeys Guild in 1969 and holding that post for several years. He also received the coveted George Woolf Memorial by California racing journalists in 1965, for bringing unique distinction to his profession. At the time he retired, only Shoemaker, Johnny Longden, Arcaro and Steve Brooks surpassed him in total winners.

"A race worth $25,000 then (jockeys usually get 10 per cent of the horse's winnings) is worth $200,000 now," he noted. "Then you'd ride 1,000 to 1,200 races a year, now, with night racing, a rider can ride in 2,000 races. When I rode, everyone was a good rider. A lot of jockeys who are now making a living would only have been exercise riders in the '50s and '60s.

"I was never a millionaire, a costly divorce and tax problems saw to that. But I was able to buy my parents a nice home when they retired and moved to Miami in 1955. They're both buried here (Miami)."

As his career neared its end, Blum began concentrating on being a racing official. "It's not just coming out here every day. There's racing, watching the races and then disqualifying jockeys for making dangerous or unfair moves in a race," he said.

One of his sons from his first marriage, Jeff, 25, was a jockey for two years and was the agent for top rider Angel Cordero before deciding on an acting career. Seth Blum, 27, is a commercial artist. In his "second family," son Walter Lee, 5, "looks like he'll be too big to be a jockey." His sister, Ashley, 3, also would be discouraged from being a race rider. Their famous father admitted:

"It's too difficult and too dangerous a life. Sidney Cole, a Jewish jockey, was killed in a spill a few years ago and another Jewish rider, Gary Cohen, is now a racing official after being very badly hurt.

"I broke my leg, my back, my teeth, my collarbone — but none were 'serious' injuries. I always recovered quickly. Then there's the self-discipline you need to regiment your diet, keeping your weight the same day after day.

"There have been quite a few Jewish jockeys, like Willie Harmatz and Sam and Joe Renick in my time and Arnold Ilescu and some others today. Not all are champions or even well-known. But just to conquer the danger and diet drudgery day after day takes a special person — or someone especially lucky."

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In addition to the urgent need for adequate housing, the JNF is developing tourist attractions in and around Maalot. These sites will provide many new job opportunities for the olim.

As well, due to the Negev Dinner campaigns of Toronto and Ottawa, two new reservoirs, Reshafim and Shifa in the Beit She'an Valley are now providing water, of quintessential importance, to this region.

Summer forest educational centres provide recently arrived children the social- integration opportunity to become better acquainted with the land, people, history, and the language of Israel.

Rosen and Margulies have expressed their delight in becoming partners with many other friends of Israel and the JNF in this major development of northern Israel.

The JNF's aliya absorption work is not limited to the north alone. Virtually every area of the state is being utilized to provide similar opportunities for olim. In fact, Canada's most recent national undertaking is the development of a complete new neighborhood in Eilat.

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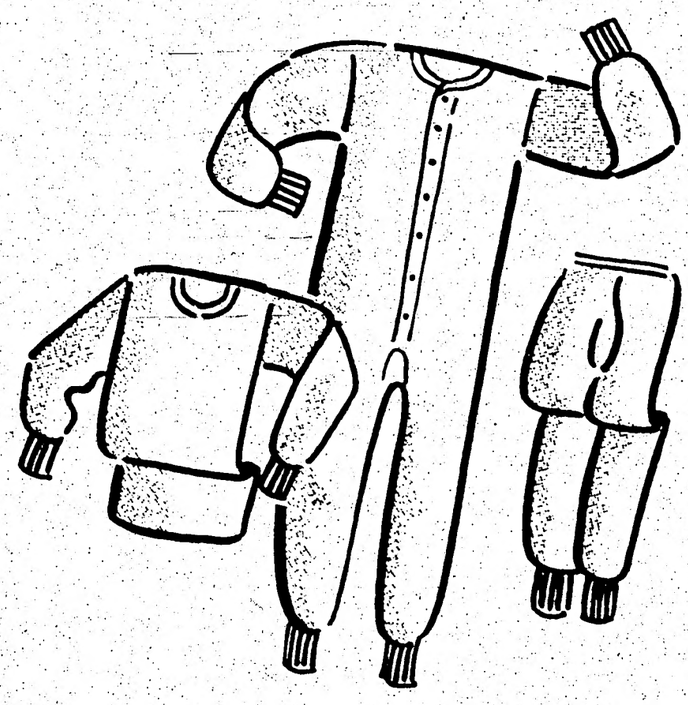

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Baycrest marks 36 years with memorabilia exhibit

Baycrest Centre resident Irene Vamosi gives medical director Dr. Michael Gordon the once-over with an antique stethoscope, part of a new display at the Kanner Heritage Museum in Baycrest.

TORONTO — Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is marking its "double chai" anniversary with a new exhibit in the Kanner Heritage Museum, located on the main floor of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Thirty-six years ago, the centre moved from its downtown quarters on Cecil Street to its present location on Bathurst Street south of Wilson Avenue.

According to museum co-ordinator Pat Dickinson, the display is "a fond look back at the early years of Baycrest after it relocated to its Bathurst location."

Among the 1950s memorabilia included in the new display are the original agreement of purchase and sale for the farmland on which the geriatric complex now sits, a front page from the old Toronto Telegram daily newspaper announcing the opening of the new facility, and dozens of photos taken during the early days of the centre's operations.

In addition to the Baycrest memorabilia, the exhibit features a collection of antique medical instruments, many of which were in use when Baycrest Hospital started operations in 1954.

Among the medical instruments on display are old-fashioned microscopes, doctors' kits, surgical instruments and a few devices which are no longer used today — for example, a mouth-gag used to clamp the lips of patients suffering seizures.

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The star-studded musical artists include Lawrence Gilman, Sandy Horowitz and internationally acclaimed singer, Shlomo Carlbach.

Perhaps the main attraction is the participatory arts and crafts program geared for the entire family and representing a significant shift from the exhibition approach to the festival in prior years.

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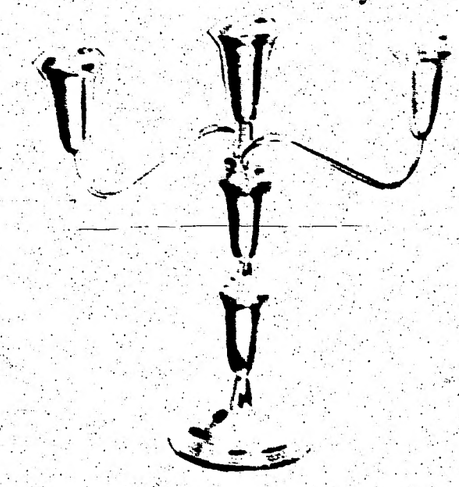
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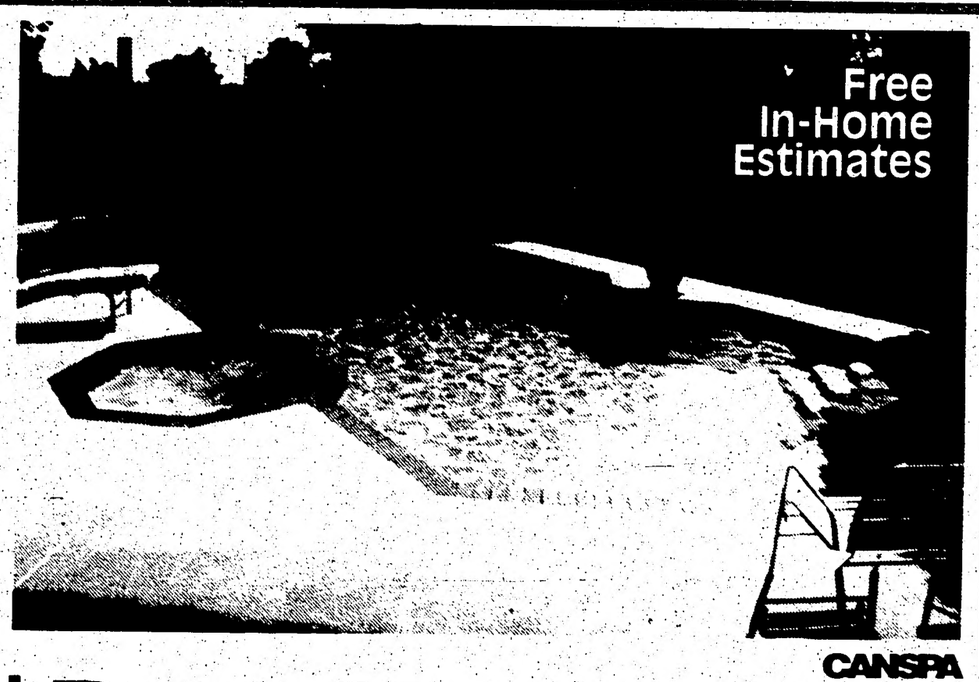

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Interfaith dinner promotes dialogue

TORONTO —

Some 160 guests turned out recently for Beth Tzedec Congregation's fifth annual Neighborhood Interfaith Dinner between Jews and Christians.

The dinner was sponsored by seven congregations in the Beth Tzedec area, in addition to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Office of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.

The dinners are held each year as a way to promote interfaith dialogue between Christians and Jews in an informal setting.

In attendance were Canon Peter Gratton, chairman of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto; Elyse Graff, the new national executive director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; Alan Lazerte, the director of the Canadian Friends of the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem; Gordon Nodwell of Deer Park United Church; Jeremiah Kelliher, head of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Office of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec.

Guest speaker was Rev. Stanford Lucyk, minister at Royal York Road United Church and former minister at Timoth Eaton Church.

Lucyk said there is a need for interfaith dialogue, at least so all faiths can learn from and enrich one another.

Yiddish council marks 36 years with concert

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The 36th anniversary of the Toronto Yiddish Culture Council will be celebrated at a concert Wednesday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The artists taking part are pianist Natasha Tiomkina, oboist Sonia Trubashnik and Lenka Lichtenberg, who will sing in Yiddish and Hebrew. The program will be under the direction of Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Guest speaker will ne Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Synagogue.

The celebration will pay tribute to the memory of Harry Topper, well known community leader, who was one of the founders and a chairman of the Yiddish Culture Council.

The Council was founded by the late Dr. Samuel Hurwich, Boris Litman, Harry Topper, Dr. J.Diamond, A.B. Bennet, A. Reinhartz and K. Berger.

During its history, the Council has arranged hundreds of lectures with prominent writers and artists from the United States, Canada, Israel, Mexico, Argentina, France and other countries to raise appreciation of Yiddish culture and love for the Yiddish language. Among the guest speakers were Chaim Grade, Dr. Gershon Winer, Jacob Glatstein, Rachel Korn. Dr. Israel Knox, H. Leivick, Dr. David Sfard, Yehuda Elberg, Chava Rosenfarb, Prof. Joseph Landis, Prof. Eugene Orenstein, Mordechai Tzenin, Joseph Mlotek, and Dr. J. Klepfish.

Victor Topper, son of the late Harry Topper, and his wife, Rina, are co-sponsors of the evening. He will pay tribute to his father.

Lombardi to get award

TORONTO —

Johnny Lombardi, president and chief executive officer of CHIN, is the winner of this year's Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 9, is deadline for the May 23 issue and Thursday, May 16, is deadline for the May 30 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Thursday, May 9

CAMP SOLELIM MEETING

Camp Solelim is holding its parents and campers meeting for the 1991 camping season — for Rookies only on Thursday, May 9, at 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave.

Parents and campers of first time Posts are invited to attend as well. A social hour will follow for discussion.

Friday, May 10

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

On Friday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m., Beach Hebrew Institute is having an Oneg Shabbat to honor Israel's birthday. Jewish storyteller **Jack Gelcer** will be on hand.

Beach Hebrew Institute is located at 109 Kenilworth Ave. The phone number is 694-7942.

MUSICAL HOUR

A happy musical hour on Friday, May 10, at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., features concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** in a program of semi-classical music.

Sunday, May 12

AFTERMATH OF THE GULF WAR

In celebration of Yom Yerushalayim, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Toronto Chapter, is presenting **Ehud Sprinzak**, professor, political science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who will speak on The Future of the Peace Process in the Middle East: An Israeli Perspective in the Aftermath of the Gulf War, and **Wendy Senor**, legislative liason, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, whose topic will be The Post Gulf Peace Process: A View from Capitol Hill.

The date is Sunday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m. at Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. Admission is $5 at the door.

For information, call 485-8000.

TORAH DEDICATION

On Sunday, May 12, B'nai Torah invites the community to a special event, the dedication of a new Torah — Hachnassat Sefer Torah.

The procession will start at 12:15 p.m. from the home of **Gershon and Camelia Pick**, 404 Patricia Ave., and will conclude with a celebration at Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 226-3700.

THE JEWISH MOTHER

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood is holding a Mother's Day breakfast meeting on Sunday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. The guest speaker will be **Stephen Speisman**, director of archives, Toronto Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region. His topic will be The Jewish Mother in the Development of Toronto Jewry.

Monday, May 13

LOVE & MARRIAGE IN THE '90S

A love, marriage and Shavuoth evening for women, sponsored by JEWEL (Jewish Educated Women Electing Life) on Monday, May 13, features educator/lecturer **Sherri Wise** who will speak on Love and Marriage in the '90s. Cheese cake and coffee will be served.

The time is 8 p.m. at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

The Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) is holding its May meeting on Monday, the 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The Association is also looking for new members as well as guest speakers to present topics of interest and/or show aspects of their collections. Contact **Alvin Dickstein**, president, at 594-7077 days, or **Hartley Garshowitz**, program chairman, at 665-3555 days or 731-9268 evenings.

BASICS SERIES

BASICS is an innovative and inspiring series of individual seminars which explore the wit and wisdom of Judaism. The series, sponsored by Aish HaTorah, is geared to students and professionals 20-45 years of age. On Monday, May 13, the theme is Relationships with special guest lecturer **Lori Palatnik**.

The time is 7 p.m. at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. (west of Bathurst). For information, call 636-7530.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER BBW

Nagillah Chapter, B'nai Brith Women — 40 plus singles is holding a general meeting on Monday, May 13, at 7:45 p.m. sharp at North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St. The program features My Trip to Russia by **Marcia Usiskin**.

Admission is $2. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call **Tanny** at 787-8963 or **Rochelle** at 226-1648.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

On Monday, May 13, La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breastfeeding, the third in the series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties, and adjusting to the role of the new mother.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. at 211 Winding Lane, Thornhill. For further information, phone **Ruth** at 736-1758 or **Joyce** at881-8779 or **Karen** at 221-7002.

GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT

A meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians is scheduled for Monday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For more information, call **Ruth** at 763-9111. Parents and/or other family members are assured strictest confidentiality.

TORAH TOTS

Oren Weinstock of the Torah Tots Nursery School is enjoying 'hands on' matzah baking at the Chabad Lubavitch Shmurah Matzah Bakery. Torah Tots Nursery registration is in full swing for morning and afternoon sessions for pre-nursery, nursery and junior kindergarten offering kids computers, Hebrew, creative movement, music, trips and loving teachers. The director is Goldie Plotkin. For information, call 886-0420.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incdredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available.

For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

OPERATION SHMIRAT HALASHON

Emunah Women is sponsoring a continuing shiur on the dinim (laws) of Shmirat Halashon (guard Your Tongue), based on the work of Chofetz Chaim.

Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, dean of Ohr Somayach, conducts the program every other Monday morning from 9:45-10:45 at BAYT, Ohr Somayach Wing, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. The next gathering is May 13.

For information, phone 635-9847.

Tuesday, May 14

THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, New Leadership Division, invites you to an evening with **Dennis Prager**, whose topic will be Clarifying the Middle East Conflict, on Tuesday, May 14, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

General admission is $15, preferred seating is $25. For further information, call 485-8000.

NONE IS TOO MANY

None is Too Many: 10 Years Retrospective is what **Prof. Harold Troper** will be discussing at the Tuesday, May 14, lecture meeting sponsored by the Generation to Generaion discussion group.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor. For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

THE MYSTERY OF MIRACLES

Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario is presenting The Miracle of Miracles with guest **Fayga Itkin** of Hamilton on Tuesday, May 14, at 8 p.m. at the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. There will be a floral arrangement demonstration, door prize and dairy delights (cheese blintzes, cheese cake).

Couvert is $7. For information, call 731-7000.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY PROGRAM

Learn about the Family-to-Family program and how you can befriend a Russian family new to Toronto.

Following the success of the seder matching program for Russians, Toronto Jewish Congress invites members of the community to a special orientation evening on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

For details, contact **Karen Levitt**, TJC, at 635-2883, ext. 251.

RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Plan to attend the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., when guest speaker **Judith Holzman** will speak on Ontario Family Law — Rights of Women.

For reservations, call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** at 633-7190.

LECTURE & DISCUSSION GROUP

A Tuesday morning enrichment lecture and discussion group meets at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., in the board room from 9:45-11:30 a.m. weekly through June.

The May 14 session features **Rina Zeidman** who will discuss Where was Sarah? Sarah's Strange Appearance in Jewish Midrash During the Binding of Isaac.

Babysitting is available from 9:30 a.m. For information, call **Rhonda** at 633-3812.

WHY A WOMEN'S CENTRE?

The North York Women's Centre is holding its annual general meeting on Tuesday, May 14, from 7-10 p.m. at North York City Hall in the Council Chamber.

Dyanne Gibson, director of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, will be speaking on the issue, Why a Women's Centre?

Dessert and coffee will be served at 7 p.m. RSVP to the North York Women's Centre at 781-0479.

Wednesday, May 15

STAR GAZING WITH ALDO

The Toronto Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation invites you to a Wednesday, May 15, presentation of one of **Aldo Maggiorotti's** special movie collages — scenes from classic films showcasing the talents and lasting contributions of Jewish performers and personalities from the 1920s to the '70s.

It all takes place at Beth Sholom Synagogue's Banquet Hall, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., at 8 p.m. Your $5 admission includes refreshments, door prizes and a chance to browse through the boutiques.

Proceeds will benefit the Neonatology Department at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. Everyone is welcome. Reserve by calling 781-3584.

HERESY IN JEWISH LIFE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education committee's series, Heresy in Jewish Life with **Prof. Moshe Sherman** concludes on Tuesday, May 15, with Rejection of Rabbinic Authority: Modern Enlightenment.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

BIALIK SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Bialik Hebrew Day School's 30th anniversry celebration is set for Wednesday, May 15, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

TRIBUTE TO SHOLEM ALEICHEM

Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting a special tribute to **Sholem Aleichem** on the 75th anniversary of his yahrzeit. The program will consist of readings by **Nathan Garnick**.

The date is Wednesday, May 15, at 2 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107. Refreshsments will be served. For further information, call **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

CANADIAN JEWISH LITERATURE

Lunch and Learn in Retirement group will meet at noon on Wednesday, May 15, at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., when **Prof. Rachel Feldhay Brenner** of Founders College, York University, will give an Overview of Canadian Jewish Literature — The Jewish Authors' Identity and Response to Jewish Issues.

Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. This meeting is open to the community. There is no charge. For transportation or if you can provide transportation, contact **Tera** at 789-3291.

Also, an outing to see A Coat of Many Colors at the Royal Ontario Museum is arranged on Seniors Day, June 25. Sign up for it now.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets monthly at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 15, at 8 p.m. and meetings will be continued on the third Wednesday of each month following.

This is the only location of Alcoholics-Anony-

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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Netivot Hatorah students (from left) Shoshie Lockshin, Tanya Zauderer, Shifra Saltzman and Zev Steinfeld display the letters of support they wrote to soldiers in the IDF.

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mous in Toronto meeting in a synagogue or Jewish organization. Those interested are asked to call **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at the synagogue office at 229-2600.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Mom's Morning Out is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 at Shaareh Haim Synagogue house, 9711 Bayview Ave. On May 15 **Tina Betlem** of the Toy Lending and Resource Library will discuss How to Choose Toys for Your Children.

Babysitting is provided. RSVP to **Joni Richardson** at 764-9243 or **Jo-Anne Ross Freeman** at 886-2153.

AGING IN GOOD HEALTH

The Wellness Education Group of Baycrest Centre is presenting a lecture on Aging in Good Health. **Dr. Ruth Sky**, associate professor in the department of family and community medicine at the University of Toronto, will discuss a number of topics including normal aging and danger signs.

The lecture takes place on Wednesday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Assembly Room, 55 Ameer Ave. Admission is free to Wagman Centre members and Baycrest terrace residents, and $2 for guests to be paid at the door.

To register and for more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. Assistive hearing devices will be available on request.

Thursday, May 16

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress invites you to Lunch and Learn with **Naomi Berger**, poet and novelist and author of the forthcoming novel Dreams to Keep. She will speak on Being a Woman, Jewish and a Novelist — Is That a Recipe for Success?

The date is Thursday, May 16, at 12:15 p.m. at Robins, Appleby and Taub, Continental Banking Building, 130 Adelaide St. W., Suite 2500, 25th floor, main boardroom. Bring a friend. RSVP by calling 635-2883, ext. 151 or 154. Beverage will be served.

LAND FOR PEACE

Chabad Lubavitch of Markahm's series, The Times Are A Changin': Halacha in the Modern World, with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** continues on Thursday, May 15, with Land For Peace.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd. For information, call 886-0420.

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY HOUSE

North York Community House, a new community agnecy rooted in the Bathurst/Lawrence community, provides information, advocacy programs and resources to residents within the city of North York.

An open house is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, from 4-7 p.m. with an opening ceremony at 6. Neighbors, community workers and elected officials are invited to attend.

North York Community House is located at 3101 Bathurst St. The phone number is 784-0920.

HEALTH FAIR

North York General Hospital and North York Department of Health join forces in the Getting Better Together Health Fair on Thursday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Fairview Mall lower level promotional court.

Twenty displays will feature many aspects of health care for all ages and interests — dirt, sports medicine, blood pressure monitoring, glucose testing, prenatal care, AIDS awareness and much more.

And What Else Is New...

AFTERNOON TEA AND MUSICALE

Kinnereth Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, is holding an afternoon tea and musicale featuring pianist **Evelyn Rothstein** on Thursday, May 30, at the home of **Nancy Pencer**, 61 Old Forest Hill Rd. It begins with tea at 1 p.m., followed by the musical program at 2.

Only 100 guests will be attending at $40 each with proceeds going to Youth Aliyah. Co-chairmen are **Joyce Rosenberg** and **Renee Wolfson**. For additonal information, call Mrs. Rosenberg at 636-1074.

KOL YISROEL CONGREGATION

Kol Yisroel Congregation, 272 Codsell Ave., reports that the turnout for the opening services has been great and **Chazzan Mark Biller** has shown tremendous ability to lead the services and bring the whole congregation into it, making it a real "haimishe service."

All chaverim and friends are invited to join in the Saturday morning services starting at 9:30 and followed by a kiddush. The services are available for bar and bat mitzvahs.

CELEBRATE YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Beth Sholom Synagogue extends an invitation to the community to celebrate Yom Yerushalayim on Sunday, May 12, at 8 p.m. when **Prof. Albert Baumgarten** will speak on Jerusalem as the Centre of the Jewish People. Prof. Baumgarten is professor of Jewish history at Bar-Ilan University and is currently Visiting Israeli Scholar at San Diego University.

Also, Prof. Baumgarten will deliver the May 11 Shabbat sermon on To Be a Free People in Our Own Land. This will be followed by a lunch and learn. The cost is $12. Call the synagogue office at 783-6103 to reserve.

YOUNG COMPOSERS AWARD

Synagogues, schools, community centres are asked to notify their talented musicians (35 years of age and under) of the Guild of Temple Musicians Young Composers Award (now in its second year).

With the award goes a cash prize, free transportation and costs for premiere performance, possible publication and more.

For an application form and further information, write to **Ben Steinberg**, chairman, GTM Young Composers Award, c/o Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., Toronto, M5M 3B1.

SEPHARADE '91

Join Sephardic Youth Alliances Young Adult Division at the annual North American convention in Montreal.

This year, hundreds of young adults, ages 18-30, from all across Canada and the U.S. will gather for the special weekend. It is a unique opportunity to combine good times with the experience of Sephardic culture, entertainment and hospitality.

Sepharade '91 will take place from Friday, May 24, to Monday, May 27. The cost is $135 which includes transportation, housing, meals and all activities.

For further information, call **Debby** at 738-8440. Registration deadline is Friday, May 17.

BREAST SCREENING CENTRE

For women who take care of themselves, there's a self-referral breast screening centre available. For an appointment, women age 50 and over may call Scarborough Women's Screening Centre at 298-2626 or North York Women's Screening Centre at 512-0601.

MATINEE THEATRE OUTING

Kinnereth Club of Na'amat has arranged a theatre outing to the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake on Thursday, June 27, to see **George Bernard Shaw's** A Doctor's Dilemma.

Excellent tickets are available. Deluxe air-conditioned buses will be leaving at 9:15 a.m., returning directly after the performance. For tickets, call 633-8276 or 783-1656.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for summer courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

The evening courses run from July 4-Aug. 22 from 7:30-9 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew by Aug. 22.

The instructor for the beginners course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method in teaching Hebrew in Toronto.

For consultation and registration, call Mr. Klinger at 787-0197.

THYROID FOUNDATION

The Metropolitan Toronto Chapter of the Thyroid Foundation of Canada is holding a public education meeting on May 11 at 2 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave. Guest speaker **Dr. William Singer**, endocrinologist, St. Michael's Hospital, will speak on Thyroid Cancer.

Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For information, call the Foundation office at 740-7500.

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDAEA

Canadian Young Judaea's Central Region is holding its annual P'gisha (spring gathering) at Camp Shalom. All Judaeans 13 and older are invited to "Step Into the YJ Zone" for a fun-filled weekend of programs and other activities. Youth who are not members of Young Judaea are also invited to join in the fun.

P'gisha will be held on the weekend of May 10-12. For more information and registration, contact Young Judaea Central Regional office at 781-5156.

CONSERVATIVE SISTERHOODS MEET

Added news about the Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism spring conference taking place May 13 and 14 — the topic of guest speaker CJN editor **Patricia Rucker's** address will be Confessions of a Diaspora Jew — reflections following her second trip to Israel in March, beginning on the day the Gulf War ended.

The conference is being held at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Baycrest Centre needs you to volunteer this summer. If you enjoy peaceful walks, barbecues and outings, then Baycrest's volunteer department wants to speak to you. For more information, call 785-2850.

Share a portion of your spare time by becoming a pal-unteer for the Reena Foundation. People with a developmental handicap often need help to maintain an active social life. By becoming a pal-unteer, you might go to a movie or a restaurant with the person, or just out for coffee and a chat. Pal-unteering is no more than becoming a friend and requires just a few hours once a week. Call the Reena Foundation at 787-0131 for more information.

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre is recruiting summertime teen (minimum age 14 years) volunteers. If you would like to find out more about spending your summer months volunteering at this large and diverse health centre, call the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

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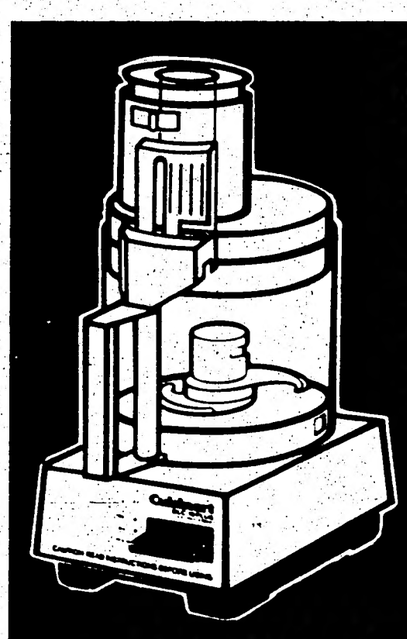
MCDOUGALL WELCOMED

Philip Fellen, president, Beth Tzedec Congregation, brings greetings to the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods recent meeting at which Barbara McDougall (left), newly appointed external affairs minister, is the guest speaker. In the centre is Beth Tzedec Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg.

SCIENCE EXHIBIT

United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus, Senior Division students recently held the annual Science Share '91 at which they displayed and presented the projects they had researched at the school over the previous weeks. Above Romy Toderovitz (left) and Sara Werb proudly display their exhibit on Animation.



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BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call 256-1600.

JEWISH CYCLING CLUB

Toronto's first Jewish cycling club is being formed to ride on Sundays and one night a week.

Help to make this club a success. Your advice is needed, so call **Phil** at 481-1920 or **Burt** at 398-2752 evenings.

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

Join Seniors Helping Seniors and become a volunteer group leader. You will receive training which prepares you to teach small groups of seniors about healthy aging. This month, volunteers will be trained to lead workshops on safety in the community.

If you are 55 or older, enjoy meeting new people and want a volunteer position offering challenge and excitement, join Seniors Helping Seniors now!

Seniors Helping Seniors is a project of Senior Care (Community Services to the Jewish Elderly) and is funded by Health and Welfare Canada. Call **Timothy Quek** at 635-2860 for more information.

SCHOOL HEBREW PROGRAM

Thornhill Square Synagogue will be offering a Hebrew program in the newly opened Brownridge Public School just behind the Promenade Mall.

The Hebrew program will be held on Sundays and an optional weekday program will be offered. Classes will be limited to 10 children per teacher and a computer will enhance the program with Bible based graphics and holiday oriented programs. The Hebrew alphabet is also introduced through introductory programs for beginners of all ages.

To register for the program at Brownridge or at the synagogue, call 882-6737.

ABLE/DISABLED ARTS CENTRE

The Able/Disabled Creative Arts Centre, a non-profit organization recognizing and developing creative talents of persons with disabilities, officially opened its new facilities last week at a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by **Rosario Marchese**, minister of culture and communications.

Donated by the Village by the Grange, the new facilities enable the five-year-old arts centre to expand its exhibition programming and resource centre and add workshops, studio space and an art rental program.

Currently, Structures, an exhibit of metalwork by **Barry Blunden** is on view through June 15. The Centre is located at 49 McCaul St. in the Village by the Grange.

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at the JCC

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The NE Valley Branch offers adult duplicate bridge for members on Monday evenings from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 for more information.

The NE Valley Connections (ages 35-50) is holding a house party on Saturday, May 11. To reserve and for more information, contact **Sonia** at 881-5183.

Join the Twentysomething Uptowners Downtowners Club on Sunday, May 12, for brunch and theatre. Brunch is at the Bloor Y at 11:30 a.m. The cost is $20. To reserve and for information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer camp for ages 5-12 is now taking place. The two-week sessions begin July 2. Program includes tennis and swim lessons and more. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 for more information.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — A Mother's Day craft and plant sale offering clear out prices and many items at cost is set for Thursday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby...The Wellness Education Group is presenting Aging in Good Health with lecturer **Dr. Ruth Sky**, associate professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto, on Wednesday, May 15, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Topics will include Normal Aging and Danger Signals and Symptoms. Admission is free to Wagman Centre members and Terrace residents. Guests charge is $2 to be paid at the door. For information and pre-registration, call the office, 789-5131, ext. 2267...A musical program of Hebrew, Yiddish and popular folk songs with singer/pianist **Nancy Anderson** will take place Tuesday, May 14, from 7:30-8:30.

SAJAC — Senior South African Jewish Association in Canada is planning a bus trip to Atlantic City on June 23 for four days and three nights (Sunday to Wednesday). It includes casinos, nightly entertainment, beach, shopping and accommodation at the Quality Inn Hotel. Members and visitors are welcome. For further information, contact **Sybil** or **Gerald Berley** at 449-6065.

Beth Sholom Seniors now meet every other Wednesday afternoon at 2. Program includes entertainment and refreshments. For information, call **Eve Donsky** at 782-1068.

The next regular luncheon meeting of **LZA Seniors Club** takes place Wednesday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., with a Mother's Day celebration featuring special entertainment. So mothers, bring your daughters for a great afternoon. Tickets will be issued for the trip to Las Vegas, San Francisco and the Paciific coast, leaving May 27...There are still some seats available on the second bus leaving for the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 23...All ongoing activities continue.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on May 12 in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors Club upcoming activities include a dance with a live band on Sunday, May 12, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre ($3 members, $4 non-members); a movie on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the club house (free for members, $1 for non-members); a Mother's Day dinner and dance on Sunday, May 12 ($15 for members only); a bus run to Kitchener on Wednesday, June 19 ($16); a trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 7-14 ($775 Canadian eight days, seven nights, and $575 Canadian six days, five nights)...All ongoing activities continue. For information, call 636-7856, Monday-Thursday.

Club Chaverim meets on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 for bingo and cards at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Young at Heart Seniors has two interesting trips lined up — the Catskills at the Pines Hotel Aug. 4-13 ($890 Canadian) and a two-week tour of Israel June 3-17 ($1,995 Canadian). For information on both trips, call **Manny** at 633-7463 from 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. A social gathering and reading from Hebrew literature is planned for May 15. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 633-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The JCC **Senior Adult Services'** trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills July 11-18 is filled. If you would like to get on the waiting list, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club upcoming programs and trips include a Mother's Day luncheon with entertainment by **Lenka Lichtenberg** on Monday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m.; an orientation meeting with films about the Israeli trip (Nov. 13-Dec. 4) on Monday, May 27, at 1 p.m.; a Catskill trip to the Homowack Hotel July 10-18; a travelogue with lecture and slides to begin in the near future; a Muskoka cruise and theatre combination sometime in August; all ongoing activities continue. Call **Lena** at 775-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923 for information...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to the Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

The Romanian Social Club of the Wagman Centre welcomes new members 55 years of age and over. The club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-3 at the Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Lunch and Learn in Retirement continues the afternoon rubber bridge on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Coffee and tea is provided at no charge. Partners are changed every week. For information, call **Claire Sweet** at 489-9048.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture on Thursday, May 16, is on the topic Healthy Vision with guest speaker **Dr. Lois Calder** from the Vision Institute of Canada. The time is 1:30 p.m.

An outing, for members only, to see the National Ballet of Canada performance of Sleeping Beauty at O'Keefe Centre is arranged on Tuesday, May 14, at 2 p.m. The cost is $16 and everyone is responsible for their own transportation. Tickets are on sale at the information desk. For information, call **Barbara Zigler**, volunteer coordinator, at 225-2112.

A special candlelight dance with desserts, coffee and fruit, is being held on Sunday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. Performers are **Michael Khinkis, Rachel Castriano** and **Lorenzo Popesku**. Admission is $5 members, $7 non-members. Space is limited. Tickets are available at the information desk or on Sunday.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. A fun evening with **Murray Katzman** is planned for May 9. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

TENNIS PLUS WEEKEND

Pictured at a planning committee meeting for the Young Associates, Israel Cancer Research Fund's annual Tennis Plus weekend May 31-June 2 at Manitou Wabing Sports and Arts Centre are (from left) top row: Joel Shuster, Martin Greenbaum; middle row: Maurice Schachter, Ronitt Katz, Lisa Gardner, Steve Pearl, Joanne Posluns, Jackie Richstone; bottom row: Robin Myerson.

UNGERMAN CENTRE OPENED

Members of the Jewish Community Centre board of directors, family and friends of Irving Ungerman gathered recently for the opening of the Irving Ungerman Maccabi Resource Centre. The centre is dedicated to all young Jewish sports men and women to perpetuate their desire to achieve athletic and educational excellence. From left are Sid Greenberg, president, Maccabi Canada; Harold Cipin, directcor of operations, JCC; Irving Ungerman, Alex Fisher, past president, Maccabi Canada, and Herb Belman, executive officer of the JCC.

About People

INVESTED AS A CANTOR

Torontonian **Deborah Staiman,** daughter of **Bernard** and **Shirley Staiman,** has completed her studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, School of Sacred Music, and on May 12 will be invested as a cantor at Temple Emanu-el in New York.

Deborah Staiman

Deborah received a degree in musicology from the University of Toronto followed by studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England, and more recently at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York.

Deborah spent the first of her four years of cantorial studies in Israel, as required. She has just completed her cantorial masters project entitled Itzik Manger: 'Medresh Itzik' and Other Poems. She has been studying Yiddish through the YIVO Institute of Jewish Studies.

singles events

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Jobs seen key to aiding olim

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Prof. Zehev Tadmor

TORONTO —
The real challenge Israel faces in absorbing the new Soviet immigrants is job creation, asserts Prof. Zehev Tadmor, the new president of Technion — Israel College of Technology in Haifa.

Tadmor was on a trip to Canada to meet with staff and supporters of the Canadian Technion Society.

The sciences and mathematics are considered very high status disciplines among the Russians, Tadmor said, and many of those coming to Israel are highly trained in those fields.

Tadmor enthused about the calibre of the Soviet immigrants coming to Israel in the scientific fields.

"We are being given on a silver platter a gift of immense value," Tadmor said.

If opportunities and jobs are not found for them in Israel, Tadmor warned, they will move elsewhere, and "Israel will miss a unique opportunity."

The Technion has hired 14 to fill staff openings in the fields of math, chemistry and physics, he said, while 66 are working on various research projects.

The research scientists are being paid by the government and by private funds and contributions. It is hoped the number will rise to 100.

As is being done in other Israeli universities, many scientists and engineers are being retrained to be high school teachers.

"We have an outstanding opportunity to improve science education in Israeli high schools," Tadmor said.

As well, a large scale project is underway to re-educate engineers in Western techniques and scientific English and Hebrew.

Tadmor is particularly proud about Technion's "entrepreneurial park," in which seed money, much of it from the Canadian Technion Society as well as the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government, is used to apply scientific knowledge to industry.

Some projects approved in the park involve developing special glass fibres for use in radiation detection, the biotechnical synthesis of pharmaceutical materials, and a computerized walking stick for the blind.

The Technion is deeply imvolved with international space programs.

Technion students, said Tadmor, are building a satellite, called Techsat, which will piggyback on a commercial satellite being launched by France in 1993 or 1994.

It will serve as a radio mailbox for amateur radio operators, Tadmor explained, adding the institution is looking for donors to help with the enormous cost.

"We can even name it [the satellite] after the donor!"

As well, Israel is placing an x-ray telescope for astrophysical observations on a Soviet space satellite, and plans to be involved in the Soviet space project to Mars.

The line between pure science and technology is being blurred, explained Tadmor, as more and more they both support and develop from each other.

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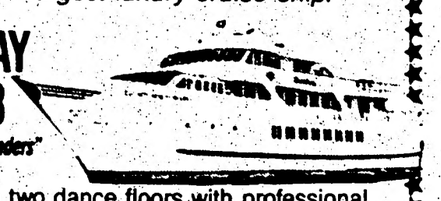

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Organizations and People

Family history important

Ovarian cancer key cause of female mortality

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Women in families with one or more members who have ovarian cancer are at special risk and are in urgent need of counselling, Dr. Gordon B. Mills, director of oncology research, the Toronto Hospital, said here recently

The importance of the "genetic load" in this disease has come to light partly through the efforts of the Gilda Radner Registry in Buffalo, Mills said. Radner, the TV and film star, died of ovarian cancer One of the Registry's supporters is Radner's husband, movie star Gene Wilder.

The disease is the most frequent cause of gynecological cancer mortality in Canada, taking the lives of 1,200 women every year.

When there are no women in the family with the disease, the chance of it causing mortality is one in 100, when there is one first degree relative it is one in 40, and when there are two primary relatives (mother, sister or maternal aunt), it is one in three, Dr. Mills said.

In other words, he said, there is a 60 per cent chance of death from the disease when two family members are affected.

It is a much more "aggressive disease" when it strikes those with a familial history, occurring in the 40s age range rather than later in the 60s.

At a conference he attended recently, Mills said 50 physicians and researchers brain-stormed the subject and their conclusion was that familial history is critical.

Dr. Gordon Mills directs oncology research.

His own work is supported by the Genesis Foundation which is linked to the Gilda Radner Registry.

Mills recommended "aggressive follow-up" for those women who have such a history. The treatment might require a hysterectomy and they should see their family physician and receive counselling, he said.

Survival rates for ovarian cancer after five years remained at 37 per cent between 1957 and 1983 in Canada, he said. Unfortunately, the later in life it is discovered, the higher the mortality rate. If it is caught early, 80 to 90 per cent can survive, but if it is discovered late, only 35 per cent survive. Most cases occur in women ages 40 to 70, with the peak between 65 and 70.

One of the difficulties, Mills said, is that there are no early symptoms.

There is a possibility that a data centre, similar to the Gildna Radner Registry will be set up in Toronto, he said.

Mills main research is with fluid from the peritoneal cavity of such patients, trying to find ways of blocking growth of the cancer cells.

Associated to hold bat mitzvah party

TORONTO — Over 130 Associated Hebrew School girls who have attained the age of of bat mitzvah during this year will be honored at a special bat mitzvah celebration on Thursday evening, May 9.

The event will be held in the auditorium of the Danilack branch of Associated Hebrew Schools, 6100 Leslie St.

In preparing for this milestone, Associated instituted a course of studies to explain to the girls the meaning of bat mitzvah and their responsibilities as Jewish young women.

This intensive course of study covers the history of Jewish heroes in Biblical and Talmudic times. It also deals with adherence to Halacha by young men and women. The students are tested and marks given for this course of study.

Every girl has been asked to contribute a literary article or poem summarizing a particular aspect of the course. The school will compile this material, which will be distributed during the program on May 9.

During the program, the girls will give a d'var Torah which will include an account of the seven prophetesses who played major roles in Jewish life: Sarah; Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel; Avigail, the wife of King David; Chulda, who tried to help her generation to overcome their frustrations prior to the destruction of the temple; and Queen Esther.

The girls will then be presented with a certificate recognizing their achievements.

Rabbi Pinchas Tessler, principal, and Irving Eisner, supervisor, as well as teachers Ruth Portnoy, Nurit Tzin, Leora Neev, Rachel Berdugo and Pepita Arden are responsible for the program.

"Associated Hebrew Schools congratulates the girls and their families on this happy occasion," said Rabbi Abraham Soffer, educational director. "They are certainly deserving of the honors to be bestowed."

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Studies conducted on animals

Avoiding memory loss seen possible

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Compounds which improve memory are being fully investigated "but they are something for the future, not now," a University of Toronto professor said here recently.

Some such compounds have been shown to improve memory in animals but they have not been approved in Canada for use in humans, said Dr. Fergus Craik, professor of psychology.

He was speaking to an overflow crowd of 400 at Baycrest Centre at the first public health forum sponsored by the Centre's women's auxiliary and the Rotman Research Institute.

Dr. Craik was optimistic on the subject of aging and memory, stating: "Things can be done to ameliorate memory loss, it's not a hopeless case. Old dogs can learn new tricks."

Most people can only hold from five to nine items in their memory without writing them down and a person of 80 can do just as well on this test of short term memory as one of 20 years of age, he said.

Organizing words so that they have some special meaning is one way of improving memory for their recall, he said. He cited the work of a German professor who found that when he gave a list of 40 words, younger people could remember only five and older people only three. The professor then gave them 30 training sessions of 90 minutes each, associating the words with landmarks in the community. At the end of this period, both younger and older people could remember 32 of 40 words.

Change name

Many have difficulty remembering names, Craik said, because "names are arbitrary and don't make any sense."
He recommended changing the name to something meaningful.

The often used term "photographic memory" does not stand up to scientific examination, he said. Although a world-renowned chesssmaster could perfectly recall where the pieces were on the board when a game was in progress, if the pieces were randomly spread across the board, and then removed, he was not able to recall where they were. So it was their meaningful placement which permitted his memory to function.

Though most people in the audience could not recall the pictures on the backs of $5, $10 and $20 bills, they could remember what colors they were. Craik said this was because "when we dip into our wallets for a bill we select it by its color."

One experiment showed that people can remember up to 80 per cent of a list of words when they are associated with their meaning, a far better record than when the words were associated visually or with a rhyming context.

Long term memory breaks down into three divisions: episodic, semantic and procedural, he said. Aging affects episodic memory but not semantic memory, and in recent years there has been a lot of interest in the effect of aging on procedural memory. For example, amnesic patients have retained their skill of driving a car or riding a bicycle.

Memory is not a system of records, like keeping track of books in a library, but a very complicated pattern of behavior in the brain system, Craik said, and memory is trying to reactivate that pattern of behavior. Older people hav greater diffculty in steering the brain back to that pattern.

Dr. Guy Proulx, clinical psychologist, Rotman Research Institute, said Dr. Craik's work "is quickly changing the attitude that nothing can be done" to help aging people with their memory problems.

Dr. Donald Stuss, Institute director, appealed for volunteers for memory research.

Annette Bearg, president of the Women's Auxiliary, and Gerry Gangbar, presided.

TJC to extend nominations

"Due to an unforeseen circumstance, the slate for election at the TJC Annual Meeting was not published in the May 2 edition. TJC has agreed to extend the date for additional nominations to be received until May 21 at 5 p.m."

Nominations for officers and members of the Toronto Jewish Congress executive for 1991-92 have been announced by Herb Rosenfeld, chairman of the TJC Nominating Committee.

Elections will be held during TJC's 16th annual meeting on Thursday evening, June 6, 1991 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Nominations for officers include:

Herb Rosenfeld, past president; Charles Diamond, immediate past president; Jack Chisvin, president; Aaron Brotman, Sheila Engel, Bernie Ghert, Henry Koschitzky, Julia Koschitzky, Harry Krakowsky, Martin Sable, vice-presidents; Marshall Kesten, treasurer; Phil Alter, assistant treasurer; Judy Gwartz, secretary; Shoel Silver, assistant secretary; Gerry Ross, honorary legal counsel.

Officers by virtue of communal positions they hold:

Sandy Brown, chairman Board of Jewish Education; Paul Morton, co-chairman United Jewish Appeal; Judy Noyek, president Jewish Women's Federation; Joseph B. Salsberg, honorary officer; Judy Scheininger, co-chairman United Jewish Appeal; Eric Slavens, chairman CJC Ontario Region; George Wasserstein, chairman, Community Planning and Allocations; Chuck Zaionz, national vice-president CJC Ontario Region.

Nominees to the Toronto Jewish Congress executive include:

Prof. Irving Abella, Boris Aryev, Shira Herzog Bessin, Harriett Bomza, Sid Butovsky, David Chapley, Gloria Clamen, Samuel H. Cohen, Maura Cooperberg, Louise Cornblum, Elliott Eisen, Joyce Eklove, Joe Elmaleh, David Engel, Ira Gluskin, Marty Goldberg, Susan Goldberg, Edwin Goldstein, Linda Greenwald, David Hertzman, Carol Kassel, Michael Kerbel, Louis Kirshenbaum, Saul Koschitzky, Jules Kronis, Pearl Langer, Judy Libman, Elaine Lightstone, Glennie Lindenberg, Paula Mittleman, Stephen Morrison, Karen Morton, Lewis J. Moses, Moshe Ronen, Eli Rubinstein, Edward Salman, Alan Sandler, Lorraine Sandler, Phil Shwartz, Sam Schwartz, Victor Shields, Marsha Slavens, Howard Stevens, Joan Stevens, Didi Urbach, Harry Weinstock, Morley Wolfe, Harry Wolkin, Harvey Zimmerman, Ted Zittell.

Nominees as members of the executive by virtue of other community positions held, include:

Donald Bennett, Alan Brown, David Brown, Roz Davidson, Sheldon Disenhouse, Dr. A. A. Epstein, Harry Gorman, Gerald Kane, Louis Lenkinski, Jack Mintz, Howard Perlmutter, Les Scheininger, Ralph Shedletsky, Michael Steele, Cyrel Troster.

Recommended for cooption to the TJC executive are:

Rabbi Wayne Allen, Mark Anshan, Susan Borden, Roger Chaplin, Hilda Cohen, David Goldberg, Bev Holtzman, Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, Mark Korolnek, Mira Koschitzky, Beverley Lyons, Rabbi Raphael Marcus, Rabbi Dow Marmur, Norman Mogil, Eldon Moses, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, David Perlmutter, Jill Goldberg-Reitman, Joel Reitman, Rabbi Philip Scheim, Jerome Shore, Steven Teplitsky, Lloyd Weiss, Stephen Wise, Alan Zender.

In accordance with Toronto Jewish Congress bylaws, no nominations can be made from the floor during the annual meeting. However, any member of the Jewish community may be placed in nomination to the TJC executive board or officers by complying with the following bylaws:

Each nomination to the executive board must be accompanied by seven (7) supporting signatures; each nomination for an officer position must be accompanied by twenty (20) supporting signatures. The nomination, in writing, must be delivered to the TJC administrative offices (4600 Bathurst Street), no later than 21 days before the annual meeting; the nomination must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee; all nominees must be in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal.

Anti-Semitism spread seen hurting U.S.S.R.

JERUSALEM —
The spread of anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R. is even more of a threat to the Soviet regime than it is to the Jews, said a Soviet academician speaking at a recent international conference at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Prof. Vladimir Nosenko, former head of the Department of Israel Studies at the Soviet Academy, explained that the growing pro-fascist elements in Soviet society are using anti-Semitism as a tool in their struggle against the Gorbachev government and its policy of perestroika.

Gorbachev and his government, however, see anti-Semitism as only one symptom of inter-ethnic strife, not as part of a developing fascist movement, so have not taken a firm stand against it, he said.

"Anti-Semitism is not a Jewish problem, it is a Soviet problem," Nosenko stressed.

The conference, The Danger of Anti-Semitism in Central and Eastern Europe in the Wake of Recent Events, was sponsored by the Hebrew University's Vidal Sassoon international centre for the study of anti-Semitism.

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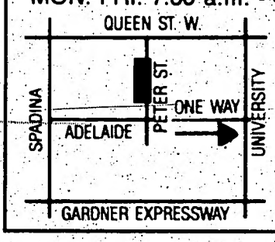

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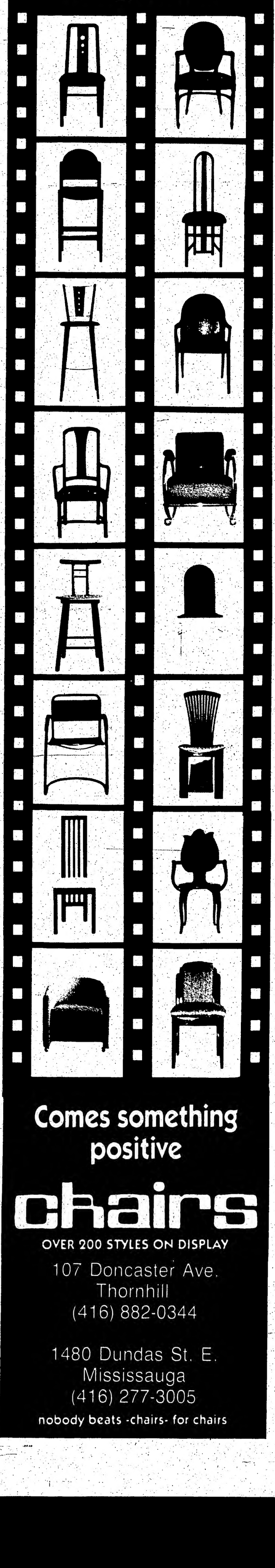
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Kelly praises Israel

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"Collin Powell is a unique individual with tremendous vision," he said. "His greatest contributions are still to come."

Kelly described the coalition build-up in some detail. "The logistics of it were magnificent," he said. "The air campaign was the most precise, best conceived and executed in history. The Iraqi army reduced in the end from the world's fourth largest to the second biggest in Iraq."

He is convinced Israel's decision to hold back might encourage Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to recognize and support it and put pressure on Syria, shorn of Russian support, to come to terms, too. "The two intractable problems are the Palestinians — they can't go back to their homes in Israel but they can't be written off either — and the status of Jerusalem," he said. "The Arabs feel very strongly about it. Maybe a form of Vaticanization might work."

America regains confidence

The war, he said, has given America back the confidence it lost 40 years ago in Korea. He cautioned that cuts to the American defence budget will have to be considered very carefully. He expressed his sympathy for the Kurds and Shiites in Iraq who rose in rebellion in the war's aftermath but stated the American objectives never included participating in a civil war in Iraq. "The peace is always harder to win than the war," he said.

During a question and answer session that followed, he said sanctions would have taken four years to have any effect and the coalition wouldn't have been able to hold together that long. He reiterated American resolve not to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, Panama being the exception due to treaty rights.

He isn't concerned about anti-Western sentiment in the Arab world, pointing out that the Iraqis will have to turn to the west, once Saddam is deposed, for help in reconstruction.

Syria's arsenal is not as big as the Iraqi's nor does Syria have as much money. "[Syrian President Hafez] Assad has to be thinking real hard," Kelly said. "He has the same equipment Saddam had. He also knows Israel would whip him in any war."

He denied the Americans put pressure on Israel not to retaliate. "We don't do that to friends," he said. "We were in constant contact though on all levels."

As a general, he said, he would not give up the Golan Heights but would have to think hard about the West Bank.

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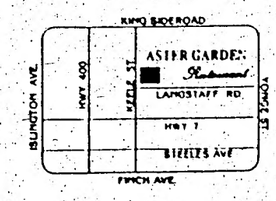

Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

Jacob Harnoy, the producer, promoter and father of the 26-year-old Toronto cellist, **Ofra Harnoy**, is in seventh heaven. His daughter last week received a handwritten royal invitation from **Prince Charles** to join the opera superstars **Placido Domingo** and **Jessye Norman** and the English Chamber Orchestra at a Sept. 6 gala attended by an expected 10,000 people to raise $14 million for restoration of the British Salisbury Cathedral.

Frank Rasky

It's not the first time that the RCA record and video virtuoso, who emigrated here with her father from Israel, has hobnobbed with princes in palaces. "After she performed Dvorak's *Cello Concerto* at a Tokyo concert last February, Ofra was invited to play chamber music with the Japanese crown prince next day at the Imperial Palace," says Jacob. "There she also met the emperor of Japan as well as the empress — an amateur pianist and harpist — who played a duet with my darling daughter."

Jazz singer **Trudy Desmond**, the alluring tousle-haired blonde who also manages the intimate, 40-seat jazz cabaret Upstairs At The Church Street Cafe, 485 Church St. (925-1155), has an unusual background. She is a graduate of the Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn, where her uncle, **Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum,** still lectures on Orthodox Judaism. In pursuit of her jazz career, she has wandered from Israel to Los Angeles, and landed in Toronto to stay in 1970, singing scat songs a la **Sarah Vaughan** in the satirical musical revue, *Spring Thaw*.

She recently released the recording titled *RSVP*, and I'd say her present storytelling style is reminiscent of **Peggy Lee** with a touch of plaintive Hebraic wail. Her jazz room, which specializes in vocalists like **Judy Marshak** and **Don Francks,** will celebrate its first anniversary May 31 and June 1. The $8 cover charge makes it a bargain.

Jewish actor **Alex Poch-Goldin** co-stars as the warrior Orestes in an updated version of the Greek classic *Andromache*, set in the First World War. It opens May 10 at the Glen Morris Theatre, 4 Glen Morris St., near Harbord and Spadina (535-6703).

Israeli singer-actress **Jenny Fayerman,** billed as the "Russian Molly Picon," will perform in Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian in **Chaim Avron's** musical revue production of *Freylich In Toronto*. Also featuring comedienne **Chayale Ash** and folk singer **Abraham Fuhrman,** the show will be staged May 11 and 12 at Northview Heights Auditorium, at Bathurst and Finch (787-8196).

Toronto singer-hoofer **Barbara Barsky** and Jewish choreographer **Marcia Milgrom Dodge** (who made her first TV appearance as a 10-year-old dancer on a local show actually called *The Poopdeck Paul Show,)* are both involved in the New York award-winning musical, *Closer Than Ever*. It opens May 9 at the Young People's Theatre, 165 Front St. E. (864-9732).

My favorite Canadian sculptor, **Maryon Kantaroff,** has donated her sensuous bronze *Starquest* sculpture worth $3,000 to the fund-raising auction gala being held May 11 at Columbus Centre, Lawrence and Dufferin (881-1611). Sales of the 250 auctioned items will help support Toronto's two arts and humanities-oriented Waldorf Schools, modelled after the teachings of the progressive Austrian educator **Rudolf Steiner.**

Beyond Broadway, a musical "journey" featuring Jewish composers ranging from **Felix Mendelssohn** to **Srul Irving Glick** and performed by the Canadian Trio — violinist **Jamie Weisenblum,** cellist **Nina Tobias,** and pianist **Gloria Saarinen** — will be staged May 15 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. (495-0555).

My quote this week is taken from the eulogy of **Rabbi Chaim Drizin** at the funeral of the former New York cantor Jacob Pincus Perelmuth, who became renowned as Metropolitan Opera tenor **Jan Peerce:**

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Who writes better short stories, men or women? The editor of this superb anthology, a professor of American studies at Brandeis University isn't sure. But she asserts that women writers, especially, are attracted to the short story.

Certainly, in no other literary form can a woman present her distinctive outlook on Jewish identity, and the private and familial aspects of her distinctive experience in a manner so pointed and compressed — and therefore, so intense and personal.

For example, Cynthia Ozick's story, *The Shawl*, one of the gems of this collection, depicts a desperate mother during the *Holocaust*, forlorn and helpless, who is trying to protect and nourish her child by means of a magical shawl. With a deft mingling of the supernatural and the realistic, Ozick's five pages become a terse, mystical statement of the unbelievable.

After her child has died at an electrified fence in a concentration camp, the semi-demented mother remains rooted to her place. "She only stood, because if she ran they would shoot, and if she tried to pick up the sticks of Magda's body they would shoot, and if she let the wolf's screech ascending now through the ladder of her skeleton break out, they would shoot; so she took Magda's shawl and filled her own mouth with it, stuffed it in and stuffed it in, until she was swallowing up the wolf's screech and tasting the cinnamon and almond depth of Magda's saliva; and Rosa drank Magda's shawl until it dried."

The 23 stories are grouped according to historical periods, a few from the early 1900s, a larger number from 1930 to 1959, but the majority from the past three decades.

Immigrant experiences

Represented from the earliest period are Mary Antin and Anzia Yezierska, immigrants themselves and astute delineators of the immigrant experiences and travail. Also, from the same time, two American-born writers, Edna Ferber, who won the Pulitzer Prize for *So Big* in 1924, and Fanny Hurst, who became the most highly paid writer in the United States.

In the first decades of the 20th century, problems of assimilation were foremost in the minds of Jewish women writers. America offered unparalleled opportunities to immigrants, but it often demanded a rupture with religion, tradition and community.

During the depression years, writers were attracted to radical political and literary movements. Tess Slesinger, Leane Zugsmith, Jo Sinclair, and Tillie Olsen produced proletarian fiction. Olsen's powerful story, *I Stand Here Ironing* depicts a hard-working mother who dreams that her daughter evenutally will be able to determine her own future despite the disadvantages of her background. She wants her daughter to be "more than this dress on the ironing board, helpless before the iron."

Other well known writers whose work is represented include: Hortense Calisher, Joanne Greenberg, Grace Paley, Johanna Kaplen and Francine Prose. While these writers do not always focus on Jewish themes or issues, a significant portion of their stories involves Jewish settings or characters.

A memorable story by Francine Prose, *Electricity*, is about a young mother, recently separated from her husband, who visits her family. She is able to achieve a measure of rapport with her father who has bewildered his other loved ones with his sudden conversion to Chassidism.

Taken together these stories are rich, vital and innovative, displaying splendid literary control and technique and with a complexity of emotions and ideas.

Briefly or more fully developed in these stories are such ideas as the pull between assimilation and tradition, loss of religious and cultural identity, the exploration of unfamiliar cultures, anti-Semitism, generational conflict and the essential meaning of Judaism.

The editor has provided a lucid and informative introduction and there are brief biographical notes on the authors.

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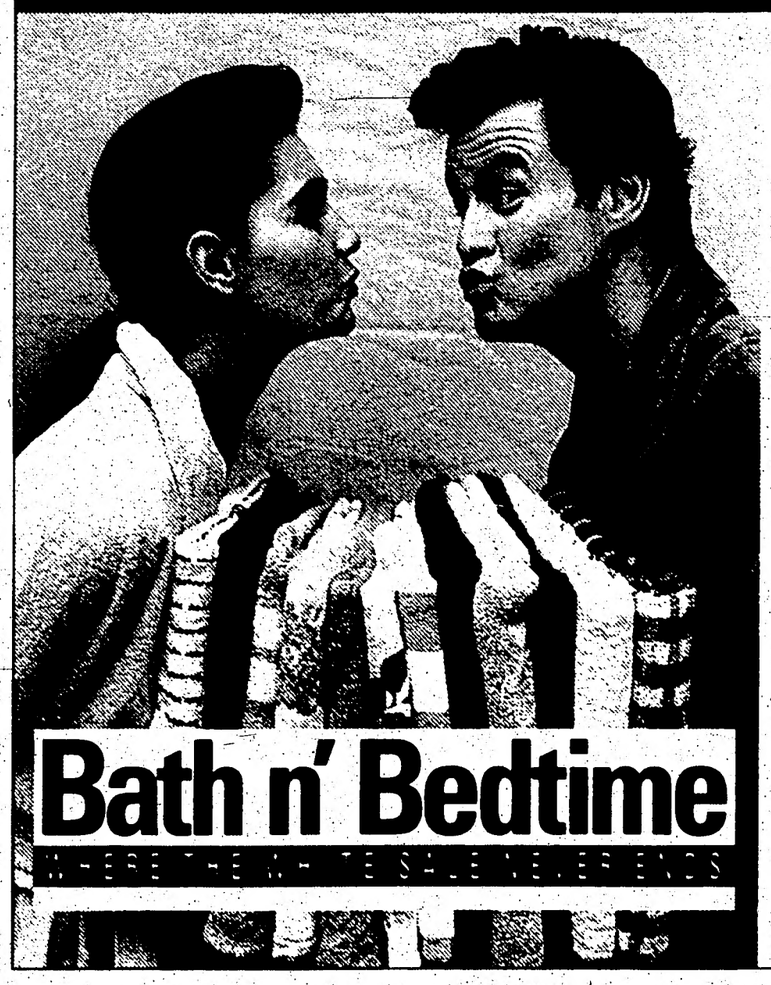

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Arts

Raindrops is set in Nazi Germany.

Nazis seen through boy's eyes in low-key German picture

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

As glimpsed through the eyes of a 10-year-old Jewish boy, Bennie Goldbach, Nazi Germany is indeed mystifying. Why won't his mother let him listen to Nazi martial music on the radio? Why can't he raise his hand in the Heil Hitler salute, like all the other children in the classroom? Why is he excluded from the Hitler Youth?

His parents are obsessively overprotective, but ultimately, they can't shield Bennie from the harsh reality of his surroundings. Bennie, after all, does not live in a sealed room. Inquisitive and boisterous, he eventually discovers that, as a Jew, he is a persona non grata in Hitler's Germany.

Raindrops, which was recently screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Society, is a 1981 German picture written and directed by Michael Hoffmann and Harry Raymon. Filmed in black and white, it unfolds over a two-year period, climaxing with the Goldbach family's visit to the American consulate in search of immigration papers.

A low-key film without a sensationalist bone in its body, it's a mood piece with a predictable narrative and an inevitable denouement. The Goldbachs, having been ostracized by their smalltown neighbors, liquidate their assets and prepare themselves for a new life in the United States. This, in effect, is Harry Raymon's own story.

The first scene in *Raindrops* takes place in February of 1933, less than a month after the Nazis' accession to power. Like most Jews, the Goldbachs are surprised and depressed by the turn of events, which catapulted Hitler into the chancellor's office. Little Bennie (Jack Geula), not being aware of the cataclysmic changes that have rocked Germany, goes on blissfully, at least for a while longer.

There are no great, earth-shaking upheavals in *Raindrops*, no sudden, melodramatic breaks with the past. Everything seems preordained — from the Aryanization of Max Goldbach's textile shop to the family's move to Cologne in 1935 to melt into the surroundings of a big city and to await their emigration quota number.

In this respect, *Raindrops* lacks dramatic tension. We can almost guess what comes next. But given its modus operandi, how else could it proceed?

Raindrops, however, is not without interest. The unresolved question of how the Goldbachs will leave Germany, as leave they must, preoccupies a viewer right to the end.

There is little violence, apart from the spectacle of two menacing stormtroopers bullying a porter and of a well-aimed rock shattering the window of a Jewish store.

Curiously enough, visceral anti-Semitism is a distant phenomenon here. The only time we really feel the hot, revolting breath of brazen anti-Semitism is when we see a carnival float, featuring the Nazi caricature of a Jewish face, pass by nonchalantly.

Although we commisserate with the plight of the Goldbachs, the doleful situation of German Jewry is most effectively hammered home by a Jewish actress who complains that she has been reduced to appearing in amateur productions.

Insofar as the portrayal of Germans is concerned, there are no bitter recriminations on the part of the filmmakers. Good Germans take precedence over bad Germans. The decent Germans include a woman who flouts Nazi regulations and continues to patronize the Goldbach shop; a maid who cries upon being forced to leave the employ of a Jewish-owned hotel; and a merchant who sells the Goldbachs food after regular hours.

The United States does not emerge exactly smelling of roses. The impression conveyed is that of a country which grants life-saving visas to German Jews somewhat grudgingly.

IN MEMORIAM

The highly successful James Bond series owes a debt of gratitude to Richard Maibaum, who died recently at the age of 81.

Maibaum wrote the first three scripts for the series created by Albert Broccoli — *Dr. No*, *From Russia With Love* and *Goldfinger*.

Later, Maibaum's credits were *Thunderball*, *On Her Majesty's Service*, *Diamonds Are Forever*, *Octopussy*, *For Your Eyes Only*, *The Living Daylights* and *Licenced To Kill*.

The common thread in every script was self-deprecating humor or, as Maibuam once put it, "humor vocalized in wry comments at critical moments."

Born in New York City, he studied dramatic art at the University of Iowa, acted, wrote plays for Broadway and worked for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a contract writer before being spotted by Broccoli.

Makhelal Reena choir popular at music festival

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Taking part in the event for the first time, the Makhelal Reena choir of 14 teenagers, 12 girls and two boys, wowed a capacity audience in the Assembly Hall of Beth Tikvah Synagogue during the Jewish Music Festival recently.

The large crowd was in the mood for light entertainment and they responded with glee when Cantor Ephraim Sapir donned a fedora when joining the Reena choir to sing *I Have a Little Dreydel*.

In this number the choir, led by Marilyn Birenbaum, and accompanied by Shaya Petroff, had help on percussion from Oren Gelb and Michael Gelbart. Its other two numbers were *Od Yishama* and *Zug Zug Zug* both arranged by Srul Irving Glick.

The evening of Jewish Choral Music, sponsored as part of Jewish Music Month by Toronto Jewish Congress, was hailed as the most successful choir concert yet by Edmond Lipsitz, Ontario regional director Canadian Jewish Congress. He noted that 10 choirs took part.

Another newcomer to the Festival was the Bernard Betel Creative Choir led by Eleanor Ackerman-Rice and accompanied by Michael Kinkhis. They rendered a soft, but striking rendition of *Jerusalem is Mine*.

Another odds-on favorite with the audience was the Windsor Jewish Community Chorale conducted by Harvey L. Schreibman and accompanied by Elsie Magowan, making its second appearance at the annual choir concert. The folk song *A Shusterl* with Nels Katzman as soloist had the audience joining in.

The Windsor choir, which appeared to represent every age group in the community, evoking a matching response from the audience, also performed three other lighthearted songs, *A Freilachs*, *A Chasseneh* and *A Yid a Shmeed*.

Other choirs taking part were Temple Har Zion, led by Eleanor Ackerman-Rice, with Cantor A. Martin Steinhouse, the Zemer Chorale of Beth Emeth Baid Yehuda, conducted by Charles Heller, Temple Sinai, led by Ben Steinberg and accompanied by Shaya Petroff, the Heritage Singers conducted by Edith Narvey Komisar, Holy Blossom Temple Singers, led by Cantor Benjamin Maissner, Temple Emanu-El, conducted by Amy Gilbert with cantor Anna Trubashnik and Beth Tikvah, conducted by Srul Irving Glick, and sung acappella by Cantor Ephriam Sapir.

The concert was coordinated by Ben Steinberg, co-chairman of the Jewish Music Committee of the TJC.

Yiddish comes alive on TV series

TORONTO —

Do snowbirds fall in love?

In Yiddish part one of the *Sunset Gang* trilogy, two snowbirds in their 70s do fall in love and leave their spouses behind, paying no attention to the whimpers and wails from the children of the old marriages.

This takes place in Sunset Village, a retirement community near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where veteran actor Harold Gould (Velvel) and another resident, Tresa Hughes (Genendel) are rehearsing a Yiddish play. Their love of Yiddish throws a new light on both their lives.

A first to mark up for this American Playhouse film presented on PBS April 14 is that it contains English subtitles for the Yiddish dialogue which is often used.

"It's a dead language," says Velvel's wife, (Doris Roberts) complaining

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TORONTO —

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Under the direction of conductor Elmer Iseler, the choir will present a varied and colorful program ranging from the works of Schubert and Halevy to Copland and Weinzweig.

Highlighting the concert will be Srul Irving Glick's five-part Canticles Of Peace, and the world premiere of a work by Efim S. Adler, the distinguished Soviet composer who has recently made his home in Toronto.

Vocal soloists are soprano Rene Bouthot, tenor Benjamin Maissner and baritone Nelson Lohnes, with piano accompaniment by Lydia Adams.

The Holy Blossom Temple Singers will join the Elmer Iseler Singers in the Schubert, Halevy and Adler works.

This gala concert takes place at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. General admission tickets are $12; seniors and students $8. Advance tickets are available at Holy Blossom Temple, and will be sold at the door on the night of the concert. For further details phone 789-3291.

Dr. Elmer Iseler is one of Canada's most highly acclaimed musical personalities, both nationally and internationally. A true pioneer in the development of Canadian choral music, he founded the Festival Singers of Canada, Canada's first fully professional choir, in 1954, and led them to international fame.

In 1964 he was appointed conductor of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, a post he retains to this day. He continues to break new ground in the world of choral music with the Elmer Iseler Singers which he founded in 1979.

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Lost in Yonkers has emotional depth

Simon hits Broadway's funnybone

By
GERRY MORRIS
The CJN New York Theatre critic. Member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

NEW YORK —

Broadway's pre-eminent and prolific favorite Neil Simon has written another Broadway hit, *Lost In Yonkers*. That's an astonishing 23 hits out of 27 Broadway shows for Simon, including his highly successful semi-autobiographical trilogy: *Brighton Beach Memoirs; Biloxi Blues* and *Broadway Bound*.

As has Woody Allen in films, Neil Simon in theatre has tickled America's funnybone more consistently in the past 20 years than has anyone else. Although his last play *Rumors* was a great disheartening attempt at farce, *Yonkers* restores Simon's status as the master interpreter of New York's Jewish middle-class milieu

In *Lost In Yonkers* the playwright goes beyond slick one-liners strung together into play form, and reaches for greatest emotional depth and warm-hearted pathos. Using both funny lines and serious ones about imperfect parents and their imperfect offsprings, Simon travels skilfully that delicate terrain between comedy and non-comedy. Familial love and how it can both inspire and warp us is tackled with unusual power and insight.

The play is set in 1942 in the living room of a two-bedroom apartment over Kurnitz's Candy store in Yonkers, New York. This world is seen primarily through the eyes of two young boys, Jay and Arty, who are forced to live with their cold, crusty grandma, a formidable woman, who, dragging a lame foot, is lost in her own bitterness. ("Grandma is so sharp she could tell if salt was missing from a pretzel.") Their heartbroken father (Eddie) is indebted to loan sharks because of the illness of his wife before she died of cancer. He is now forced to take a job as a scrap iron metal salesman in the South, and will be gone for three months.

The German-Jewish grandmother, an unsmiling matriarch of "a family lost in Yonkers," includes Bella, a slightly mentally handicapped daughter; Louie, a gangster son; a daughter Gert, who develops a breathing problem whenever she visits her mother; and the son Eddie whose spirit has been broken by Grandma.

Secondary theme is most poignant

"Ever notice," Jay asks, "there's something wrong with everyone in Pop's side of the family?"

The secondary theme is the most poignant, and focuses on Aunt Bella, the pathetically affectionate 35-year-old spinster who works with her dour mother in the candy store.

The mother-daughter confrontation in the second act is the dramatic highlight of the play. Here she confesses tearfully a desperate need for someone who will compensate for a life of not being loved or touched. "I got to love somebody who will love me back before I die," she says, while her mother sits listening with stern demeanour in her chair, tapping her cane on the floor.

During the unfolding of such family traumas the play, tenderly conveys the emotional growth of the two boys, with plentiful charm and honest emotion. Mercedes Reuhl gives an electrifying interpretation of the endearing and sweet Bella Kurnitz, who lavishes so much love on her family. This is a bravura performance and is one of the best I have ever seen by an actress playing her first lead on Broadway. It will mesmerize you.

Irene Worth (she is a founding member of the Stratford, Ont. Shakesperean Festival) also gives a superb characterization as the terrorizing, cane-wielding Grandma who firmly believes "You don't survive in the world unless you're like steel."

The two teenage boys, Danny Gerrard and Jamie Marsh, have most of the laugh lines, and play their parts like seasoned pros. The rest of the cast also offer terrific acting under the inspiring direction of Gene Saks.

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Yiddish comes alive on TV series

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about his interest in the language.

The sharp and uncompromising glimpses of life among the snowbirds of Florida may not please the local Chambers of Commerce but they give the hour-long film a look of honesty and reality.

Two 70-year-olds walking away from their partners of 45 years to begin a new life, lecturing their children about who owes what to whom is quite an unconventional ending.

Ronald Ribman's teleplay, based on Warren Adler's book, is skilful in using the Yiddish passages to illuminate the growing love of Velvel and Genendel for each other. Yiddish is more than an ornament in this context.

The only one-dimensional character is Velvel's wife, who describes Yiddish as "gibberish" and is forever going off to hairdressers and lunches.

She takes up a knife and threatens to kill herself when Velvel tells her he wants a divorce. It's beyond belief that Velvel could have lived with this harridan for 45 years.

One of the film's strengths is that it deals with sexuality among 70-year-olds in very blunt, occasionally shocking language, but without being obscene.

Those stereotypes, the "yentas," are not lacking in *Yiddish*, but fortunately they are on stage only briefly.

Frequent re-runs are the order of the day for PBS (Channel 17 Buffalo) so those who missed *Yiddish* the first time will see it the next time around. *Yiddish* is the first in the *Sunset Gang* trilogy produced by Linda Lavin.

They all deal with life in the retirement villages and condos of Florida but are separate stories. — **B.R.**

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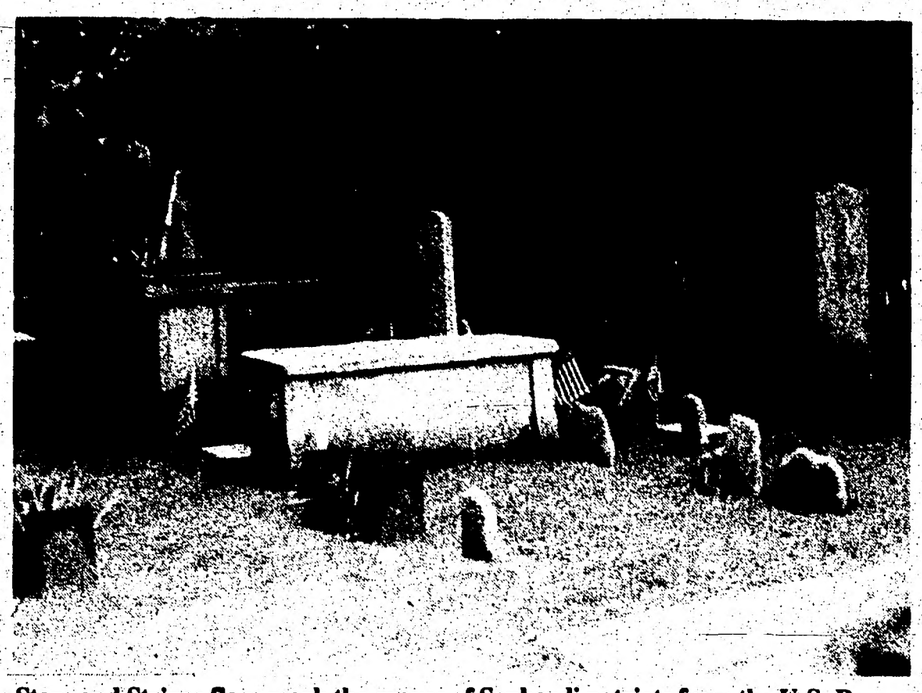
Graves decorated on Memorial Day

Sephardi soldiers fought in American Revolution

By
GIL KEZWER

NEW YORK — Eighteen Sephardi soldiers and patriots of the American Revolution lie in a historic cemetery in the shadow of the towering skyscrapers of Manhattan's financial district. This year, as every year, to mark U.S. Memorial Day (May 27), their graves will be decorated with Stars and Stripes flags by members of Congregation Shearith Israel.



Stars and Stripes flags mark the graves of Sephardi patriots from the U.S. Revolution in Manhattan's Spanish and Portugese Cemetery. [Gil Kezwer photo]

Buried in the Old Spanish and Portuguese Cemetery, consecrated in 1682 and closed in 1828, are heroes like Hayman Levy, Isaac Moses and Gershom Mendes Seixas, rabbi of the oldest congregation in the Thirteen Colonies, who closed the synagogue and removed its Torah scrolls to Stamford, Conn. when British forces occupied New York.

The cemetery, located in Chatham Square in the heart of the Big Apple's burgeoning Chinatown, was fortified by the rebelling colonists as one of the city's defence points.

Except for the ubiquitous urban litter and nearby neon lights in Chinese characters, the shady site — protected by a fieldstone wall and wrought iron fence — still belongs to another century.

Shearith Israel has two other historic graveyards in lower Manhattan — one on West 11th Street, just east of Sixth Avenue, and the other on West 21st Street, just west of Sixth Avenue.

The graveyards were in use from 1805 to 1829, and 1829 to 1852 respectively, when burials in Manhattan were prohibited.

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

Received a press release in the mail from the **Metropolitan Toronto Convention & Visitors Association** telling how wonderful it's going to be this summer in our town.

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There are two special days coming up. One is **Mother's Day**. The other is **Blossom Sunday**. **Mother's Day** we know for sure is May 12. **Blossom Sunday** however, is up in the air because of the weather, but the two are usually very close.

This year, reports CJN correspondent **Blossom Berger** any day this week should be perfect to view the most beautiful blossoms in the world and they're only an hour and a half drive away.

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Update '91 to discuss tax questions

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —
Update '91, a seminar for lawyers, accountants and estate planners, will be held June 12 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Sponsored by The Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto/Toronto Jewish Congress, the scheduled keynote speaker is Wolfe Goodman. His speech is entitled, Succession Duty and You — Plan Now for its Reintroduction.

As well, Michael Atlas will make a presentation that concentrates on discussing the Effective Utilization of Tax Losses.

One of the special features about this event will be the Revenue Canada Roundtable. David Louis and Victor Falko are the moderators of this panel.

Louis attended the Canadian Tax Foundation's annual conference where Revenue Canada had set up a panel section designed to answer technical questions from an audience that was made up of tax experts. The Update '91 roundtable is modelled after the Revenue Canada discussion, he said.

He added that the main difference is that the questions asked will focus on the day-to-day practical problems that are faced by those who work in the tax field.

Louis said he has been canvasing both his own company, Minden Gross Grafstein & Greenstein, and his colleagues in order to find an appropriate list of questions.

Louis said that all the questions will be income-tax related. Although some will deal with real estate and personal income tax, the main thrust will focus on owner-managed businesses.

The seminar will be chaired by Charlotte Haber, a partner of Soberman, Isenbaum & Colomby.

The event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those interested may contact Randy Spiegel at (416) 635-2883.

Victor Falko (left) and David Louis discuss the development of questions for the Revenue Canada Roundtable.

Israel's trade minister urges Atari to invest

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Intensive negotiations are under way to persuade Atari, the U.S.-based personal computer and videogames giant, to establish plants in Israel.

This plant would create some 3,000 jobs and exports amounting eventually to $500 million (U.S.) a year.

Atari, headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., had planned to open a plant in eastern Asia.

But Israel's Trade and Industry Minister Moshe Nissim, during a recent visit to the United States, convinced Atari's majority stockholder, American Jewish businessman Jack Tramiel, to consider Israel.

Build plant

Government officials said Atari's investment in Israel was conditional on the establishment of several subsidiary factories here to manufacture parts for a main Atari plant, such as printed circuitry, monitors and software.

The ministry says the cost of building the new factories or making the necessary improvements to existing ones is between $75 million and $100 million (U.S.).

Israel is offering to bear about half the cost, with the balance coming from private investors enlisted by Tramiel.

The central Atari plant would benefit from various inducements Israel offers foreign investors. They include a grant of up to 38 per cent of the investment, if the factory is established in a development town like Kiryat Shmona.

Loans of up to 66 per cent of the initial investment would be available if Atari opted for the new program of government-guaranteed loans.

The Atari plant initially would employ 600 workers, many of them engineers. Within five years, the work force would grow to 1,000. Computer and program sales are projected at $150 million (U.S.) a year.

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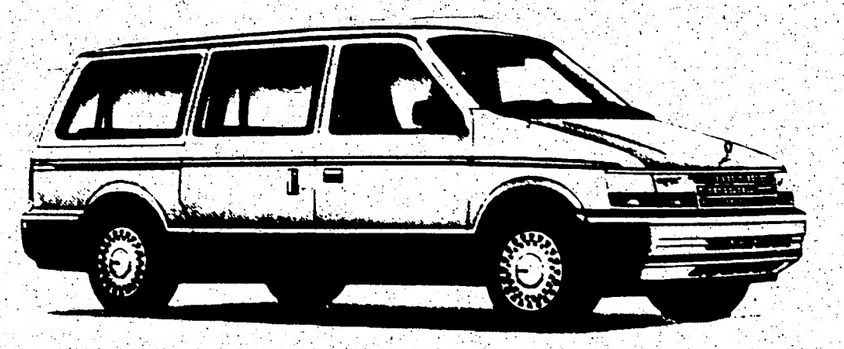
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Panel of experts examines control of Canada's economy

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

"The Canadian Economy — Who Controls It?" was the question discussed at a recent public affairs forum sponsored by The Bernard Betel Centre For Creative Living.

Although the answers from the four guest panelists were varied, two of the speakers commented that the question should have read, "The Canadian Economy — Who Should Control It?"

The first speaker was Michelle Swenarchuk, counsel at The Canadian Environment Law Association.

"Who controls the Canadian economy ... multinational, U.S.-based corporations," Swenarchuk said, adding that this fact will be emphasized if the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is left unamended.

To tie in the FTA, Swenarchuk said that the deal was supported by corporations because it would promote economic activity. However, she added that the deal was anti-democratic and detrimental to the environment because Canada gave away its regulatory rights over resources.

She said the Agreement guarantees the United States unlimited resources. In addition, Canadian subsidiaries in the area of forestry, fish and energy, are especially vulnerable to attack by the U.S., she said.

In the area of forestry, Canada has always used trees faster than they could be replaced, and Swenarchuk said this has made regeneration impossible. Further still, if the pulp and paper that is exported to the U.S. is recycled, fewer trees are cut to supply the same amount. This, in turn, means a loss of economic activity.

As recycling increases and Canadian mills stand idle, Swenarchuk said Canada loses again because it does not have the facilities to process recycled materials.

As well, she pointed out that the depletion of fish is a serious problem. The first factor that should have been negotiated under the FTA was fisheries because, now, fish no longer have to be landed in Canada before being exported to the U.S. This means there is a high chance that quotas may be violated.

Swenarchuk said a different set of rules should have been established and environmental programs must be developed to be met by all natural resources.

The same applies to any area of supplied energy to the U.S. The way the deal stands now, Canada is responsible for supplying all energy, even if there is a shortage at home.

Perhaps it was what Swenarchuk called harmonization that received the most reaction from the audience. This process means that a set of norms will be established and implemented across the board on both sides of the border, as far as protecting the environment is concerned.

However, so far, she said these norms are set at the lowest common denominator. In essence, she said that while the rules will be unified, they will not benefit anyone but foreign corporations.

MPP David Christofferson, parliamentary assistant to the treasurer, said that in terms of the economy, the most important issue is the future of Ontario.

He acknowledged the depth of the recession and attributed it in part to the impact of the FTA. He cited the restructuring in the world economy as another factory. In fact, Christofferson said the high Canadian dollar and high interest rates have resulted in the increasing cost of welfare and a decrease in funds.

R & D plays role

"Massive changes in the world economy and Ontario's are happening simultaneously. Jobs in the manufacturing base are gone. At that junction, every aspect of research and development (R&D) plays a critical role."

He said that while technology and R&D are needed, the goal is not to replace people. Chistofferson said that people must be injected into the equation.

The fact that 70 per cent of Japan's population holds degrees in R&D compared to 22 per cent of Canadians means that Canada's ability to compete in the future will be affected.

Christofferson's message was that Ontario needs to change the emphasis of the economy in order to grow and survive.

MPP Monty Kwinter said that everyone has to have input into the economy. Calling Ontario a unique place, he said that if it were an economic unit by itself, it would be the 11th largest in the world - bigger than Australia and Sweden.

Kwinter made several quick assessments — Ontario is dependent on trade, free trade — not the FTA — is necessary and recessions occur in six/or seven-year cycles.

"Today, the difference is not free trade but global trade. We are into a new ball game and products are being made all over the world as countries industrialize. What we have to do is adapt.

"We are into a global economy but to compete we have to become specialists. We have to find a niche. People want higher value-added products, and we have to reach a point where we can have a competitive edge," he said, adding that it is up to Ontarians to decide whether the province will play the game or sit on the side and watch.

Neil Brooks, a professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School, used the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to prove his point. He said that despite the fact that almost every person in Canada was opposed to the tax, it was still implemented.

"Who is behind the government? The wealthy who exercise political power. Now, do big business and the wealthy exercise too much power? Some would argue that the group is too fragmented ... I say that's nonsense."

Brooks said that the wealth in Canada is highly concentrated. He added that this money is transformed into political power at several levels.

These groups can gain control through the policy process, the opinion process (such as through the ownership of newspapers) or special interest groups.

Brooks said the process works much like labor unions. For example, if an unpopular policy is implemented, labor goes on strike. With business, if an unpopular policy is proposed, businessmen threaten to take their marbles and leave the country, he said.

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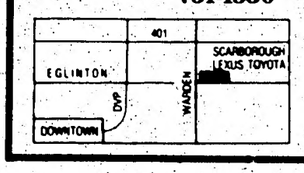

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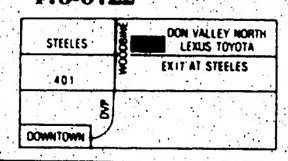

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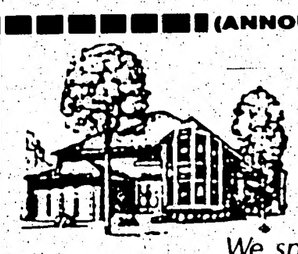

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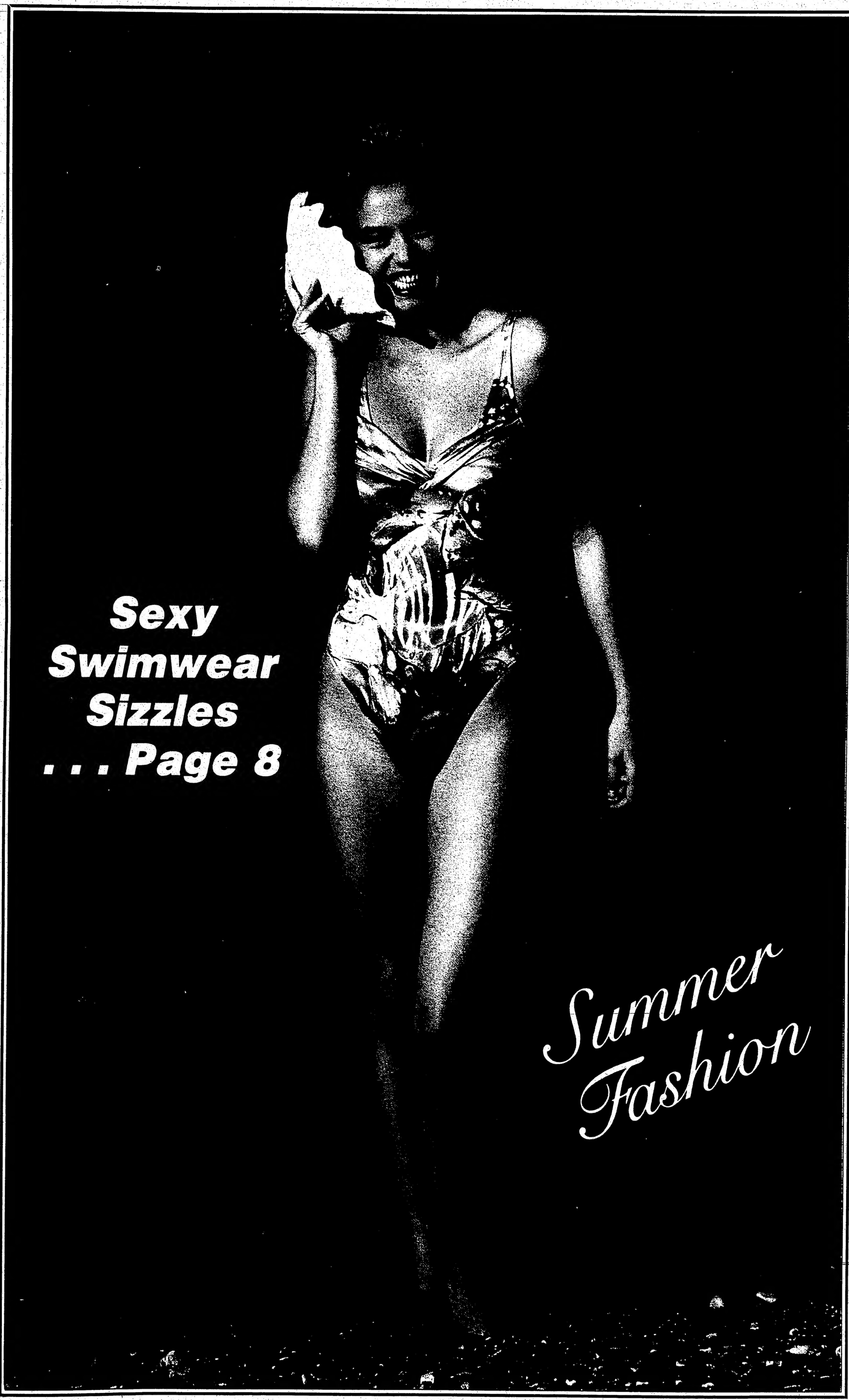

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Fashion

Combination of passion and fashion pays off

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The fusion of passion and fashion are the elements that make up Phasion — a unique collection of designer menswear.

The man behind the label is Shae Barry, a 25-year-old Calgary student.

He describes the line as an eclectic combination of European and Oriental influences. The clothes are solid, bold, energetic and designed to be combined and layered. Practicality and comfort are primary too.

The styles are not trendy but still push classic shapes past conventionality. Co-ordinates are designed to flow into the next season.

Barry spent two years at the Alberta College of Art studying to become a commercial artist. His career direction changed when he discovered that it was possible to make a living doing something he liked.

Barry said that not being able to find clothing he liked forced him to design his own clothes while in high school. He added that, today, the progressive feel in his line is often attributed to his age.

Being a young, Western Canadian designer are two factors that seem to work against Barry. The sentiment that he "could do better out East" is a prevalent one throughout the buying community.

"When I first began designing, about six years ago, there were many designers working and making some interesting things. I would have to say that out of 10, there are only two left.

"If they're good, they leave and that's why the West is unsophisticated fashion-wise," Barry said.

"Buyers are surprised that there is anything going on out there. Most have a preconceived idea that no one can do anything and that is frustrating!"

This designer is determined to open up the minds of Eastern buyers, and judging by the number of awards his collection has taken in the past, he is bound to succeed.

Phasion was brought to international attention in January 1990 when three pieces were sent to the International Modelling and Talent Association Designer Showcase in Los Angeles. There, Barry became one of the first Canadian designers ever to place; being awarded runner-up and two honorable mentions.

Two months later, Phasion took a triple crown at the Foundation for Alberta Designers annual competition. His designers received first place for menswear, first place for ladies eveningwear and best overall designer for his creations.

Barry explained that his pieces are based on a concept called "collectable clothing." Different collections are not released seasonally but pieces are being added to the entire line as it progresses. Different fabrics are used to accommodate the changing seasons and enhance the previous season's designs.

For the most past, Barry imports his fabrics from Italy and Paris but he also uses domestic cottons and silk.

"I can't stand pastels. There are certain colors that I use that could be taken for a pastel but I use a sun-bleached version of pure colors.

"Shades of black, white, grey, taupe and khaki can be worn with any other color and still give the garment a cool look. Within the color spectrum are hot and cool shades so you could have a warm black and a cool black," Barry said.

"In terms of style, I am the only one who is doing the styles I do. I have fine tuned my designs to my personal style so any copies that are done are quite bad."

Looking towards the future, Barry said he will continue the custom-design end of the business. He expressed hopes to own a house that will feature a retail operation and thus give him the freedom of showing his designs as he sees fit. He added that he intends to stay exclusive.

Due to the obstacles he has faced, Barry said he is still a little in awe of his progress.

"I just keep toddling along. When I look at how far I've gone in since I started ... In the past two years I've gone from what I did on my own to just being able to order fabrics in larger quantities. I've done it all by financing myself.

"Essentially, I want to be able to say Alberta, here I am and I'll make you proud."

Shae Barry's collection follows seasonal trends. (Photo by Marnie Burkhart)

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Edwin Nazario and Anita Cortez offer clean, wearable clothing for men.

Couple finds answer to economic blues

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Not only does North American Fashion Group's Edwin Nazario offer some fine lines of European clothing, he also has a few interesting lines himself as he discusses the current state of the fashion industry from the perspectives of wholesaler, retailer and consumer.

In his early 30s, though he doesn't look a day over 25, Nazario and his wife Anita Cortez have built a strong business offering some of the best of Europe to Canadian consumers.

The pair are Americans of Hispanic descent who arrived in Canada six years ago on a visit from their native New York and fell in love with Toronto. Soon after they decided to make their home here and establishing a sales office in the heart of Toronto's Yorkville district.

They offer half a dozen lines of ties, pants, shirts, suitings and socks, stamped with the names of some of Europe's finest: Bernard Zins pants, Richel, S.A. and Bolgheri ties, Alea shirts, Memphis Milano ties and sportswear and Giorgio Armani hosiery.

At a time when many manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers are suffering badly, if not closing their doors altogether, Nazario and Cortez have adopted a conservative mode that has allowed sales to remain steady while maintaining the crucial support of their bankers.

Nazario contends the recessionary environment is a necessary evil to check inflationary forces.

"It's a safeguard so things don't get out of control. Whether our system is good or bad, a recessionary correction at least keeps us in check.

"Maybe this will help show all of us to be a little more aware of how we manage our economy. We have to think of our children."

Sales agents and wholesalers have to be careful in this environment, as many retailers are in financial trouble and slow to pay bills — if they pay them at all.

But Nazario said that among the stores that have closed in these times, there are few surprises. He contends the "shaking out" of some retailers leads to a stronger industry.

"The good stores are paying their bills. They are being more conservative about their buying, but they're still paying their bills.

"The stores that preserve image, quality and service — especially service — will still be around. And that's true whether it's in the fashion business or the automotive business."

Consumers have adopted conservative practices as well, but they are always buying something. Smart wholesalers and retailers shift their emphasis to serve the changing market, Nazario said.

"There's always newness in the fashion business. You're always looking for something that could be the answer to the recession blues."

The answer for North American Fashion Group has been increased trade in separates and items that can update something a consumer already has in his wardrobe.

"It's a lot easier for a guy to spend money on a nice pair of pants, and interchange it with some special jackets. And ties can offer a new look with something he has already made an investment in.

"The $1,000 suit has become somewhat difficult for certain people to buy, so they look at separates as the way to go," Nazario said.

As for more qualitative changes in men's fashions, Nazario says "colors have made a big play into the market, with a move away from black and white.

"Aside from the earth tones and subdued, wearable colors that are standards, reinterpreted, softer pastels are making their way into collections. Mustards, forest greens and greens in general are quite strong."

Menswear shapes have been altered a bit as well, in a move away from extremes, Nazario said.

"Certain shapes have been too extreme, too wide, not gentlemanly looking. And they risk ending up as disposable clothing.

"Shapes now are cleaner, more wearable. Shoulders are more relaxed, sloping. Chests are still full, but not puckering. The result is a cleaner look."

The look is full, but not baggy, for pants as well, Nazario said.

"It's a nice balance, and in menswear there's not a tremendous push for drastic change. Transitions are subtle."

Five-months-old Emilio, Edwin and Anita's son who accompanies them to the office everyday, has made a not-so-subtle transition in their life. But he's a constant reminder that they must look for continuity and stability in their business, not just huge growth and quick profits.

It's a reminder the whole industry has received in a different way in the past couple of years, and one that should hold it in good stead for the future.

North American Fashion Group merchandise is available at stores across Canada, including Brogue and Patrizio in Toronto, L'Uomo in Montreal, Boboli and E.A. Lee in Vancouver, Henry Singer in Edmonton and Calgary, and Holt Renfrew and Harry Rosen wherever they are found.

Fashion

Designed for every age group

Surf King rules beachwear

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The look is one that is fit for royalty.

The line is called Surf King and the Montreal distributor for the collection is Majestic Industries.

Surf King is just one of the labels manufactured by the company that is represented by the father-and-son team of Irving and Peter Winston in Toronto.

The collection not only features men's swimming trunks, but as Peter Winston said, it offers components that come together to form a complete beachwear package.

For instance, one eye-catching design story was called mocha java. This group features swimming trunks along with a T-shirt, jacket, shorts and a track pant. Other groupings were co-ordinated through both the colors and the prints.

The collection is a popular priced line that offers styles for every age group.

Winston said the color spectrum that is most popular are the earth tones. This, he added, goes along with the environmental theme that has even had some influence in the fashion industry. He said the off-neons were good sellers, too.

As far as the trunk versus the bikini style in swimwear is concerned, Winston said the numbers are 10 to one in the Ontario region for the trunk. He added that the jazzy bikinis illustrate the European influence in the swimwear industry.

Fabrics for the '91 swimwear line include cotton, poly-cotton and nylon. Winston said the cotton is used because it is comfortable and it breathes well. On the other hand, nylon is a fast-drying fabric. Both materials are easy-care.

Winston Sales Group has been operating since 1927. Given their past record, the sales representatives were able to comment on some of the current trends in the fashion industry.

The Winstons say the swimwear industry has changed a lot over the years. From the big, baggy trunk available only in dark colors to the cabanna set to the skimpy bikini to today's flashier, colored ensembles, the changes have been for the better.

Despite the recession, there is still a need for swimwear and for clothing in general. The fact that the sales figures at the Winston Sales Group are not lower than last year's proves this statement.

"Now, retailers still have to buy. They'll buy less but they'll still buy," Peter Winston said.

He explained that at the retail end, owners are afraid to buy too much because they don't want to be stuck with merchandise that they can't sell.

Essentailly, retailers have been buying small amounts at the beginning of the buying period and supplementing that with extra orders through out the season as demand dictates.

Winston predicts that this method will change as consumer confidence returns to the retail industry.

He adds that the media's constant discussion about the recession has resulted in a self-fulfilled prophecy. He says that if people only hear about how tough times are, they are bound to hold their pennies close to their chests.

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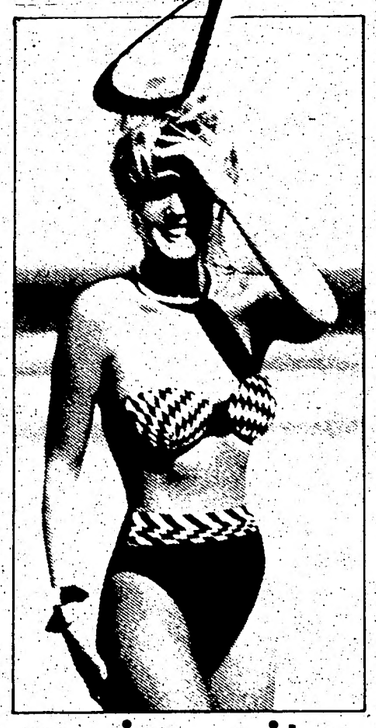

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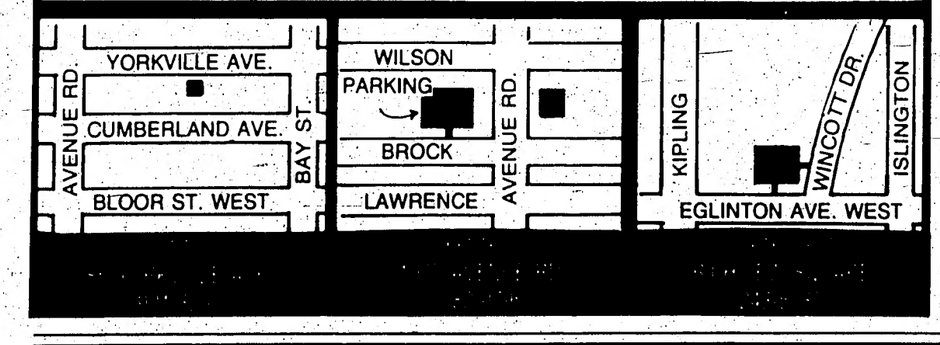

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Fashion

Dino Valino collection finds market in Canada

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Dino Valino is the Italian designer of the German collection that is manufactured under the label Dino Valino.

Although the line is designed in Italy, the garments are produced in Germany. Perhaps it is this mix that lends the international flavor to the collection. One person decribed it as "a designer collection comparable to ESCADA."

In fact, Valino began his career knitting sweaters. Soon after, he joined ESCADA on a contract basis before heading out on his own.

The exclusive distributor of the collection in Canada is Montreal-based Preston Fashions. Allan Seidman is the owner. The sales agency that represents the line in Toronto is Steve Davis Agency.

Davis has had the collection in his hands for the past two seasons. Overall, he said he was pleased with response to the line for the spring/summer season.

"We had a 20 per cent increase, and, given the times, I'd have to say that the future looks bright."

Davis attributed the increase to two main factors over and above the quality and styling of the garments.

First, in the past, the samples of the collection (with the total net worth of $400,000) were shown first in Western Canada and then Quebec before arriving in Toronto. Davis said this order made the deliveries late, and as a consequence, the retailers who were to sell the higher-priced line had a short selling period.

However, for the spring/summer '91 line, Seidman gave the samples to the Toronto district before giving them to Quebec. Davis was quick to add that this did not seem to hurt the orders from Quebec because Montreal has always been the anchor for the collection.

Secondly, Davis contends that orders also picked up due to the addition of trunk shows while the collection was being shown in Toronto.

The collection has been produced in Germany for roughly 10 years and Canada has imported the line for the past six years. Over the years the line has been altered to suit the times.

Davis said the designer has become much more in tune with the whole idea of co-ordinates in terms of styling and reasonable price points. As well, the sweaters, garments with which Valino has always excelled, have been made from new fibres.

Davis called the designer's fabric development super. The fabrics themselves are unique because certain finishes have been added. He said these fabrics are so unusual, they should be patented.

He said that the entire line has become much more rounded. Davis said that while the collection is co-ordinated, the designer has done so in a separate mode. He called the co-ordination tonal rather than typical suitings.

The garments can be described as those suitable for all-day dressing. The collection encompasses daytime, leisure and evening garments.

For this season, the designer has used sueded silk, sueded cotton, pure silk, silk chiffon, denim, rayon and cool wool. Although there are specific groupings, one main fabric styling is georgette and sweaters are cotton with appliques.

The first grouping that did well for the season is called Bright Eyes. Many of the top pieces have appliqued gold eyes that are worn with solids. This grouping was produced in both solid white and solid navy stories with both cotton and denim.

A second grouping that was a hit is called Royal Sailing. In this story, Davis said the battle jacket and the bomber were the most popular pieces.

Princess Savoya is a pure linen grouping produced in brown, gold and white color tones. Davis called this a "smashing group." One popular set features shorts and a jacket that had embroidery on the back.

Davis hopes to be able to deliver the collection to regional stores that have the clientele that are able to afford the upper priced garments.

The line is available in Toronto at Ramekin Place, Original Import, Sondra's of Sherwood and Brian Winston as well as Oyster in Burlington.

Davis himself has worked in the fashion industry for the past 16 years. He started as a mail-boy for a textile company. Given his experience, he was able to comment on the recent developments in the industry.

"The GST was the kiss of death .... combined with the recession and the uncertainty of the market.

"There is still a need for those who must do functional shopping but the impulse shopper is no more. Until the retailers gain credibility and the manufacturers ease up on giving away certain items, things aren't going to change," Davis said.

"While the recession doesn't help, retailers were heading that way anyway. Sure, many of them had something to offer in that shoppers could pick up deals, but, in essence, they were alienating the customer."

Davis also said the Free Trade Agreement was a disaster. He said that a tremendous amount of space in some of the major department stores is showcasing the style of American designers such as Liz Claiborne rather than Canadian designers.

"All this is possible because of free trade," he said.

"The industry is the worst I've ever seen it, and until there are changes, there are going to be problems."

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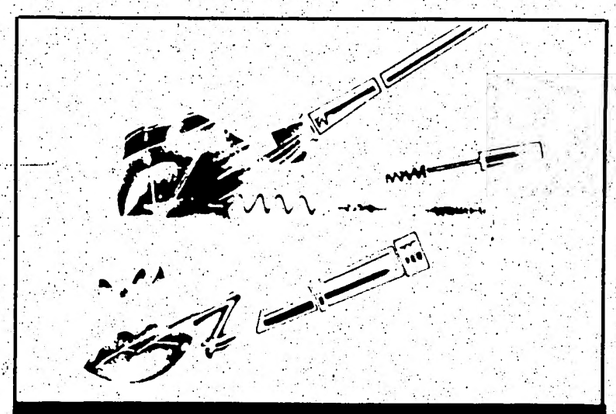

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All in the family

Quality key for knitting firm

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Many family businesses have trouble making the transition from one generation to the next.

Sometimes the children of founders want all the rewards without putting in the labors of their predecessors, and other times the founders resist the new ideas and methods their children bring to the business. Because such a relationship doesn't often work, it makes it all the more special when it does.

Such is the case with Quality Knitting Ltd., founded in Toronto in 1956 by Natan Kleinman. Thirty-five years later the firm is stronger than ever and growing nicely under the stewardship of Kleinman's sons, Sidney and Howard, who run the day-to-day operations while their father spends most of his time overseeing real estate investments with his third son, Michael, a lawyer by profession. The sons are quick to tell you that dad isn't out of the business, however — he knows everything that goes on.

Natan Kleinman is a proud father and a valued member of Canada's Jewish community. His desk is littered with photos of grandchildren, his office walls cluttered with plaques of gratitude from Jewish institutions and organizations in Canada and Israel.

He's also quite clearly a happy man, who has enjoyed his career and the fruits of his labors. It often seems that those who start with little are more appreciative of the end results.

Kleinman certainly started with little — $100 and a sewing machine to be exact. Though he was trained as a dental technician, he had difficulty finding work in the field, and wasn't all that enthralled with it anyway.

But the idea of starting a business appealed to him, and he wasn't afraid of hard work.

"I always liked the shmatta business so I started to learn about it. I struggled very hard in the beginning. When you have no money, nobody knows you. I had to pay C.O.D. for toilet paper when the business was starting."

He enlisted a silent partner but was forced to pay him off quickly when he stopped being silent.

Despite the obstacles, the business began to grow, and Kleiman gradually hired more and more staff. He was one of the few Canadian manufacturers making knit shirts at the time. Most people only wore knit shirts as undershirts.

But he knew he was on the right track when he began receiving fashion's ultimate version of flattery — people started copying his designs.

"There was great demand for my product. Buyers were taking them before they were even pressed."

One of Kleinman's first designs, a golf shirt with an "action sleeve" — an underarm gusset allowing more freedom of movement — became a best seller. That style remains the firm's biggest item under the Florida label.

Kleinman started in a basement, and within five years he purchased the building. The business remains there today, 40,000 sq. ft. of space on a prime piece of real estate on John Street just north of Queen Street in the trendy Queen West district.

Quality Knitting Ltd. manufactures everything from golf shirts to sweat tops.

Quality is Canada's largest manufacturer of golf shirts today, and the largest Canadian consumer of Lacoste fabric. Other products include polo-shirts, T-shirts, sweats, Henley shirts, and tops and tights for women.

Sons Sidney and Howard joined their father in the business 10 years ago, after graduating from Master of Business Administration programs.

"They learned it (the business) pretty good from me, and they do a pretty good job," Natan Kleinman said with a smile.

The brothers brought new energy and ideas to the firm which have allowed for substantial change and growth. Quality has expanded horizontally and vertically since they joined.

"One of our main fabric suppliers went out of business on a Friday, and on Tuesday we were in the knitting business," Sidney Kleinman said.

Knitting was the result, now a nationally-known firm housed in an 80,000-sq.-ft. plant in Scarborough.

At the time Sidney and Howard Kleinman got involved, Quality relied on four or five big accounts — the major department stores — for sales.

They have increased that number exponentially with more than 3,000 stores across Canada and the United States. Sales are conducted by catalogue and a toll-free phone number; there are no salesman in the field.

The manufacturing facilities have also undergone a huge transition in the past decade as the computer has rewritten the book on how to manufacture quality garments. They also play a key role by providing data to formulate corporate strategy.

His sons say Kleinman encouraged them all the way, despite their first faltering attempts to deal with an early and hugely expensive computer.

"Here we are with a new machine that cost $60,000 and just keeps spitting out errors," Howard Kleinman said.

"But our father was very flexible and very open," Sidney Kleinman said.

"We respected his knowledge and he respected our ideas. In some family businesses, the father says no to everything the kids say. And a lot of fathers who run plants want them kept the way they've always been.

"He gives us full responsibility but he knows everything that's happening."

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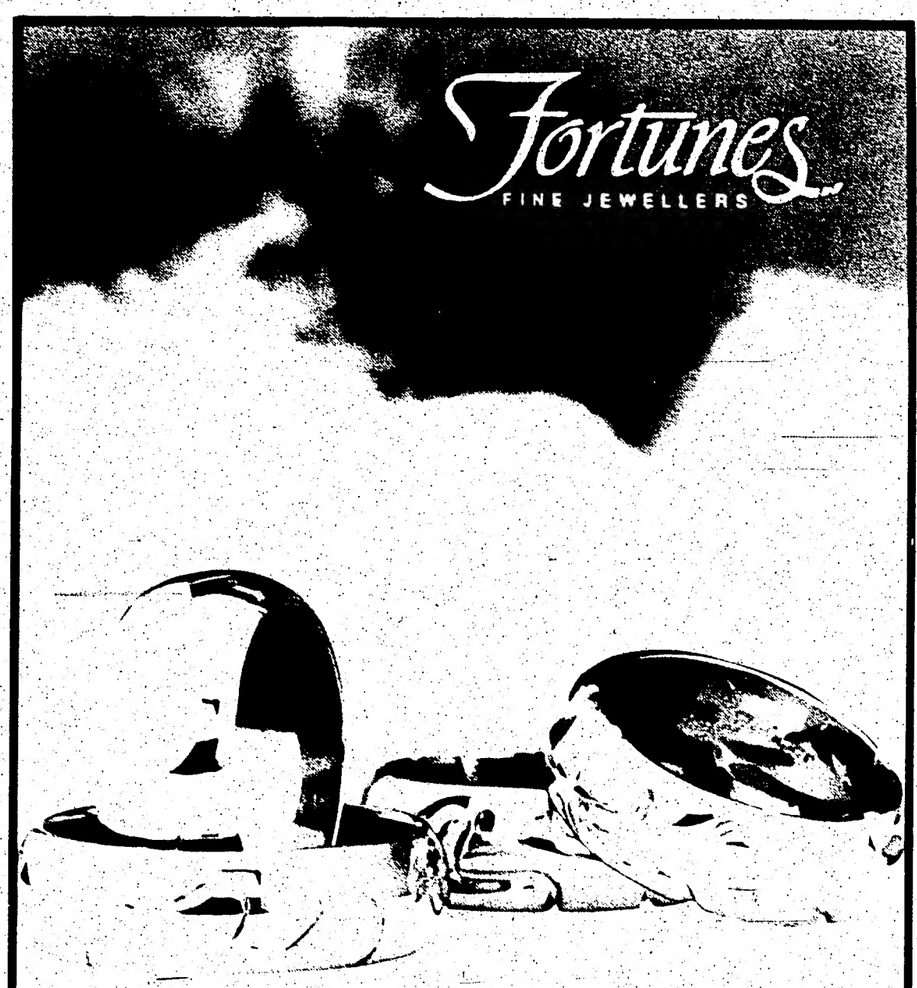
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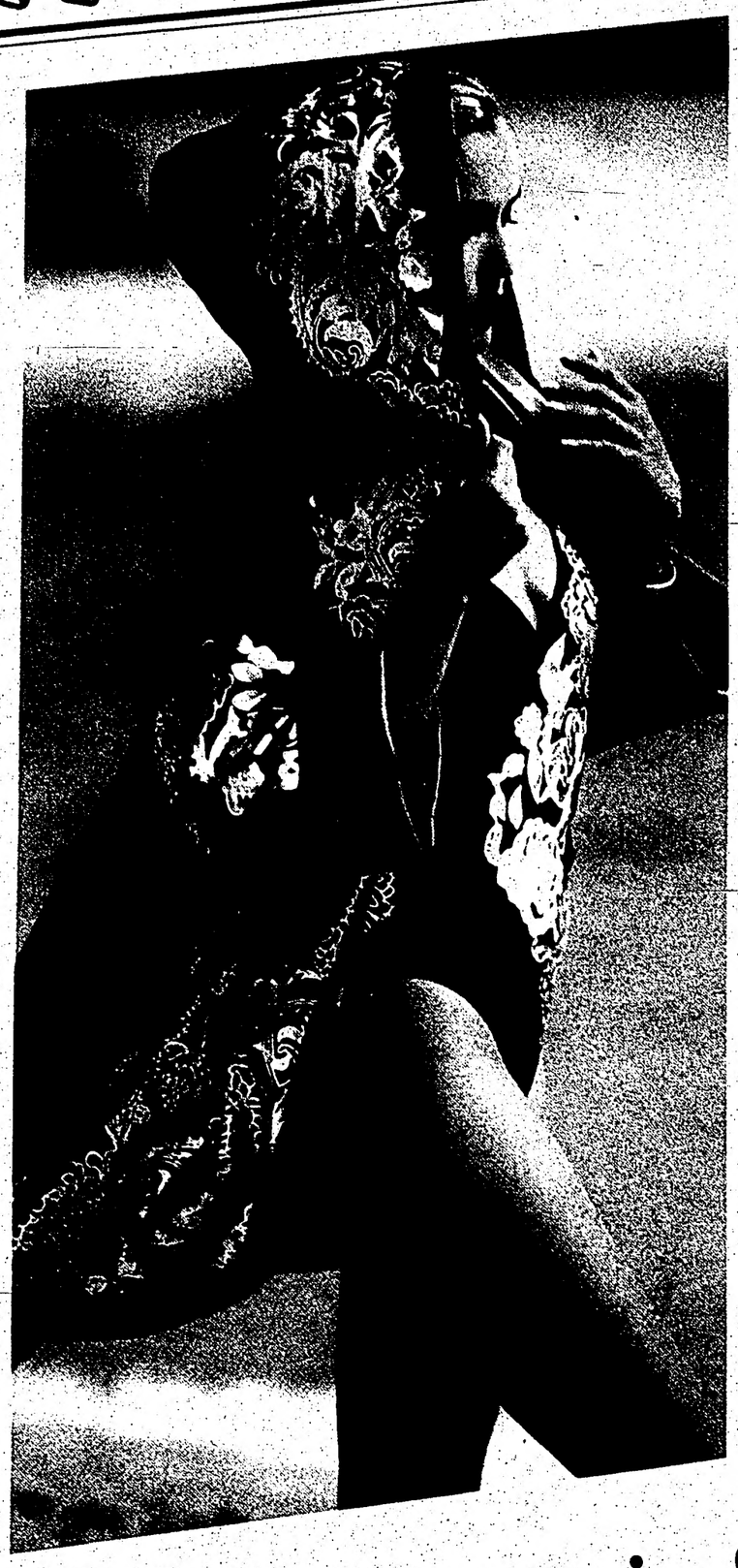

Some like it hot!!!

By
SHERYL HALPERN

Gottex's styles look as hot as the weather hopefully will be.

Pucci-looks with pizzazz, beach wear includes racers and skin-tight leggings, Hungarian-folkdancer skirts and bikinis with folkloric floral borders, exotic seasonal collections on swimsuits and form-fitting jumpsuits.

These are warm-weather basics from Tel Aviv, where Leah Gottlieb's Gottex began more than 30 years ago.

Trends this season include brilliant-toned, less-revealing beachwear that goes from beach to barbecue. In coverups, fluttery caftans and wrap-around pareos show off vivid Matisse-mood designs. Glitter-sparked fishnet beach tops and beach coats let everything else show through.

One-piecers have low-cut, curvy sweetheart necklines, vertical pleating at the bustline and wide shirred straps or spaghetti straps. Bikinis are bandeau. Mini dresses and chic, sleek unitards, bodysuits, leggings and jumpsuits — sometimes cropped at the calf — show off great shapes.

Colors are tropical brights. Look for hot pinks, lemons, limes, oranges, parrot greens, azure blue for florals and Mod geometrics. Waves of Caribbean blues and greens wash over bikinis and jumpsuits; caftans billow in regal purples and royal blues with gilded trims. Black goes solo, dramatic, or teams with white; pale and 24-karat golds add gleam.

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Busty + brief = sizzling swimwear

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

There are several new trends featured in Diva's swimwear line.

Arlene Waldman, owner of Fashion Makers, a Toronto-based firm that imports the Israeli line, said customers will see a movement towards cupped suits and structured pieces.

As an example, Waldman cites the busty retro look of the 1960s These are reminescent of the styles worn by Marilyn Monroe. Another movement within the collection is one towards ethnic prints, she says.

This year, Diva has colorful prints in groupings called Mexican Roses, Egyptian and Chinese Flowers. The shades vary from the jewel tones of blue and sea green to metallic gold. Muted backgrounds are splashed with vibrant patterns in grape, raspberry, orange and lime green.

She says she expects the most poplar grouping to be the floral suits that mix black-and-white swirls with flowrs in pink, tangerine and mint green.

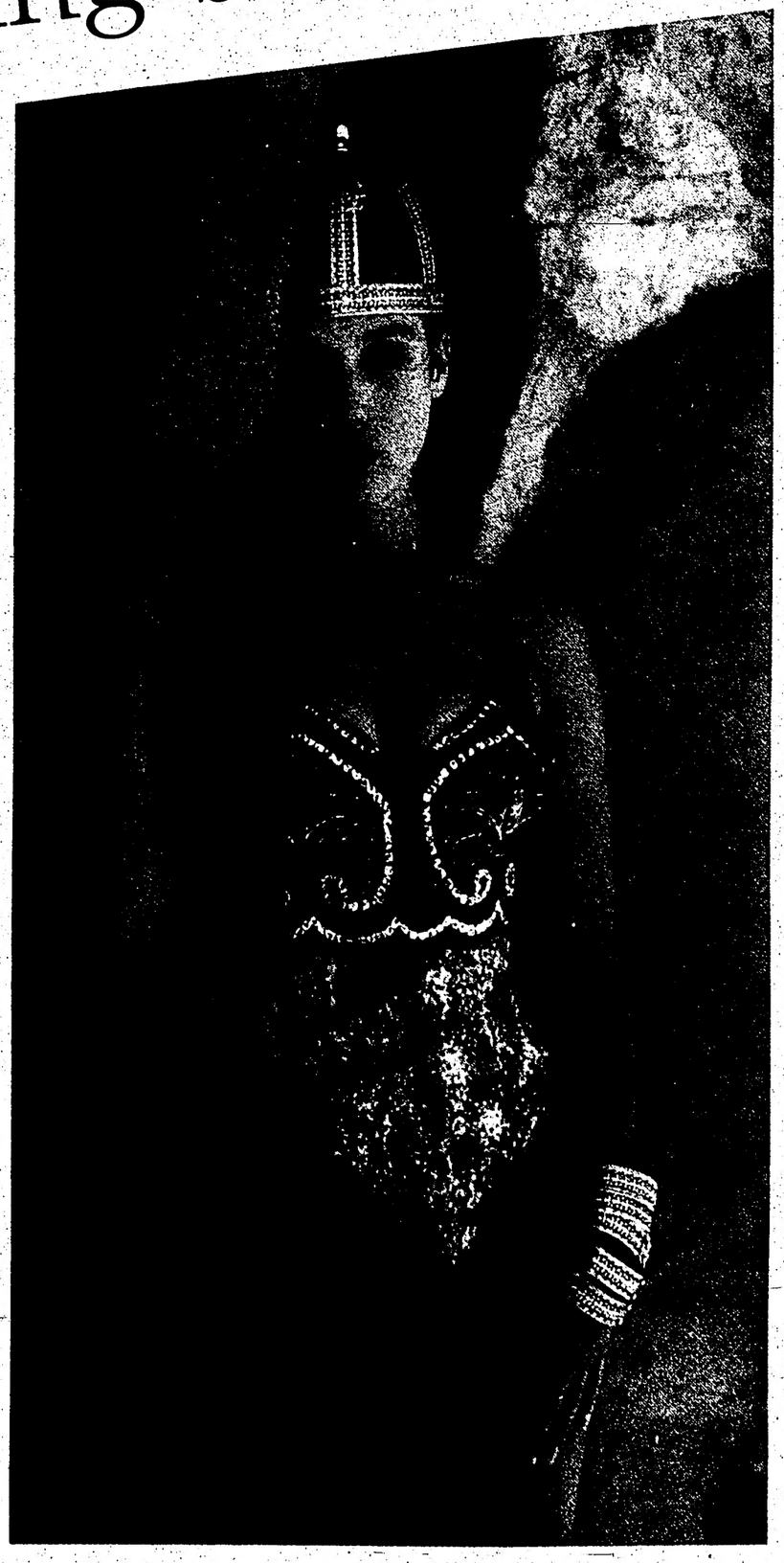
Style-wise, Waldman says that this year the suits are bottom brief, body-hugging and emphasis is placed on the bust through boning and detailing.

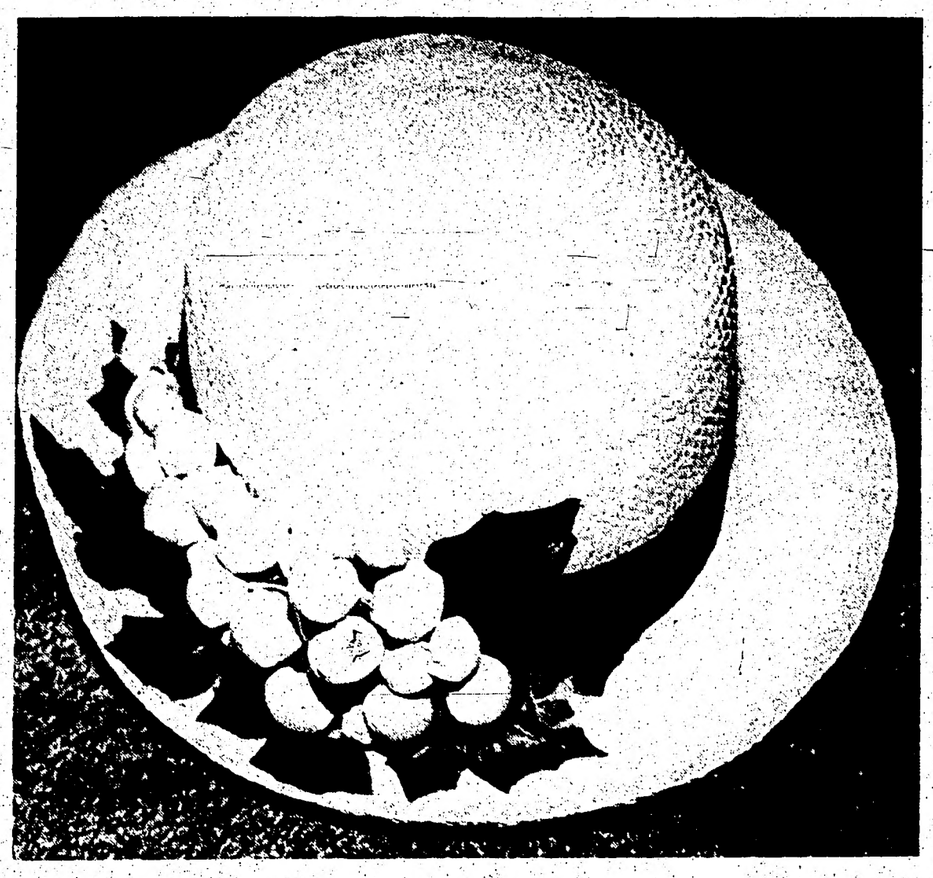
As far as fabrics are concerned, Diva has made great use of what Waldman calls a sueded fabric, bubble knit and crushed velvet.

The infamous Diva cover-ups are available in many co-ordinating colors, patterns and styles.

Waldman calls the collection extremely streetable. For example, there is an ankle-length poncho in a black and white with a jungle motif that can be worn as beachwear and casualwear.

She also singled out the lycra/velvet capri pants — they can be worn over a one-piece suit or a bikini top.





Karen Gunna features bowler and boater hats with fruit and flower designs.

Retro look adds to the glamor

By
SHARI SCHWARTZ

"I love to make things."

That was Karen Webber's response to why she became a fashion designer. What is not so simple is her wide range of talents which have made Karen Gunna leather creations and fashion accessories so widely known and respected for their quality and fashion forwardness.

Webber started the Karen Gunna (Gunna is her Scandinavian middle name) line five years ago after a two-year fashion apprenticeship in Germany, including pattern-making school in Dusseldorf, and a stint in Ottawa where she worked as a designer developing her own clientele. In Toronto, she began designing leather and later switched into accessories although she still does customized leather outfits.

The Karen Gunna line includes belts, hats, hair accessories and cosmetic bags. The retro '60s look is popular in accessories this summer, and feature large metal rings, bold colors and peace symbolism.

"There is a real nostalgia going on in fashion and the retro look gives us a sense of recapturing a fun time from 20 years ago."

For summer, silver reappears in accessories, and white and "sherbert" colors also make their mark.

Karen Gunna straw bowler and boater hats for summer have fruit and flower designs, such as silk or green grapes or large white peony flowers, green leaves on the side, and black ribbon around the hat.

Webber also designs a range of baseball caps including a black leather cap with round metal rings on the brim, black and white shiny patent leather caps, and multicolored suede caps for children.

"In general, hats are a great accessory because they can really change the look of an outfit."

Karen Gunna cosmetic and jewelry bags come in leopard skin prints, lamb suede, and, in keeping with the retro style, bright patent — navy, white, black, gold turquoise and fuchsia.

With hair pieces, Weber portrays the Barbarella look — wide hair bands which are worn low on the forehead, hair pushed back, and come in a variety of colors such as black, emerald, cherry and the bright patents. A dressier black hair band has a padded front with gold stitching and elastic in the back for comfort.

Karen Gunna belts this summer either follow the '60s theme, such as the wide black patent belt with five large metal rings along the back, or make a more classic statement, such as the black belt with antique gold ornate buckle and floral pattern running throughout the belt.

The Karen Gunna accessories line is available at boutiques in Toronto including Little Lanes, De Femme, Coco Loco and Quasar Mode.

Brilliant colors dominate line

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Gottex brings back the Pucci-crazy 60s with its punched-up geometric prints, diagonal stripes, dots and triangles every which way. Colors are brilliant — sea blues, deep greens, amethyst purples, golden yellows, oranges and rich reds. Find these in racers, bikinis, maillots, leggings and beach jackets.

Add a yellow star to a red heart to a gold flower to a white dove, use lots of blazing red, royal blue and white, and what have you got? Sixties-style ethnic patchwork designs on sexy shapes — bikinis, strapless maillots, beach coats, pants and hip-wrap pareos.

If it looks like Chagall or Matisse, wear it — loose, flowing caftans with fantasy flowers and figures in stained glass blue, ruby, yellow, or sunsets and blooming, leafy jungles in paint-brushed tropical gold, green and fuchsia.

Go beachcombing wearing seashell-designs (and a few golden fish) on black, in jumpsuits, bikinis, strappy swimsuits. Glossy real shells decorate and fringe glittery black fishnet tops and pareos.

There's pale gold for a classy play on the sweater-girl look — a low-cut swimsuit with cardigan "ribbing," gold buttons and "pockets." And gilded amethyst tapestry-flowers on black add drama and glamor to swimsuits and pareos.

Stylized folkloric flowers in bright reds, pinks, blues, yellows, purples and greens decorate a white bikini, a white flouncy skirt and a peasant blouse with a fitted bodice and lace-trimmed sleeves.

Modern-abstract stripes, dots and spirals in black and white zip up a square-necked and '60s one-piecer, a bandeau bikini and a jacket. And black and white go polka dotty in giant positive-negative coin-sized and giant dots, for swimsuits, one-piecers, bikinis and beach jackets.

Fringes accent bathing suits and cascade down a shawl-pareo.

The Navajo-look geometrics, patterned in dazzling terracotta with orange, black and white, are available in a halter-neck swimsuit, bikini and jacket.

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A variety of patterns and colors, in addition to a new design, updates the old-style boxer short.

It's the boxer short boom

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

This is story about a 23-year-old geography major who has given up his work with maps in order to chart unparalleled growth in the fast-paced fashion industry.

Today, Robert Barnard is more concerned with boxer shorts than he is with continental drift.

It all started four years ago. While attending the University of Western Ontario in London, Barnard was appointed the student representative of his residence and as such, he had to create a garment. Not only did this garment have to be one the students would wear, but it also had to carry the residence's insignia.

Barnard designed beach shorts that sold for $20.

"At that time, I thought that since the shorts are selling for $20, they're probably being manufactured for around $10 and someone is making a huge profit."

He admitted that this was incentive enough to try his hand at designing a line of men's casual clothing.

He said that this decision has altered his life significantly during the past four years as it ended in the creation of his boxer short collection called Robbazzo.

So far, Barnard has created two lines. The parent company is known in the industry as the Osprey Group under which the line Osprey Reef (a 100-percent cotton casual collection) is manufactured.

Barnard said the major difference in this line is the graphics. For example, one shirt features an eye-catching design in the shape of a finger print. However, on closer inspection, the varying shades of blue and green actually maps out the world.

Despite the success of this line, Barnard insists that boxer shorts are "where it's at right now."

"The boxer short market and ties are really the fastest growing segments in menswear today."

He attributes the switch from briefs to boxers to recent movies and articles that suggest boxer short are appealing to the fashion forward and health conscious.

"Today, underwear is almost a fashion statement — an in-home statement — but still a statement.

"Females are also pushing the boxer short. Because of the graphics that are available now ... the fun, wild prints, along with their appearance in movies — *She's Having My Baby*— boxer shorts are more acceptable now."

Barnard said that the one downfall of the boxer was that most men find them uncomfortable.

Not one to be daunted, Barnard set out to discover why they were so uncomfortable. Research showed that because the short is made of four panels with a seam that runs front to back, the garment tends to bunch up under suit bottoms. Barnard substituted the panels with material cut in an elongated semi-circle, so the need for the seam would be eliminated.

The Summer 91 line is the first real launching of Barnard's boxers. He tested his designs over the holiday period, and, due to the response, his summer collection is available at Brettons and Harry Rosen in the Eaton's Centre.

Barnard said that there are two boxer shorts market segments forming at the retail level. The first are those who are looking at the boxer as a novelty item. He said that most people are looking at the lower-end garments that feature graphics such as hearts and hot dogs.

He explained that mid-to- high-end shorts can run anywhere from $25 to $180 but these are primarily made of silk.

"Being a guy, I would do three things if given a pair of silk shorts. I'd wear them ... I'd throw them in the washer on hot ... and I'd toss them in the dryer on high. Then, I'd wonder why they didn't look the same when I was finished.

"When I first started I wanted to do my designs in silk but I soon realized that this was not such a good idea. Then again, I also couldn't handle sending my shorts to the dry cleaners. I decided to make my designs in cotton," Barnard said, adding that there then ensued a mission to find the right type of cotton.

The result was that Robbazzo boxer shorts now are made out of cotton sateen — a light weight, brushed cotton that combines the sheen of silk and the easy-care of cotton.

The prints themselves are tasteful and classic. Barnard compared them to the type of prints that are now found on ties. He cited the fashionable florals, stripes and naval motifs as examples.

"This is an education process though, because most buyers still get silk rather than the cotton sateen," he said, adding that the silk and the cotton sateen are comparable in price.

Barnard called his designs recession proof.

"Members of the general public already have more than enough as far as clothing is concerned so they ask themselves why should they buy more when they are trying to save money. The only reason they are going to buy is if the garment is different and they love it.

Colorful prints brighten wardrobe

By
SHERYL HALPERN

Men's sportswear lines Point Zero and News Flash are making headlines this summer with their celebration of rich colors and eye-catching prints.

Both lines consist of pants, shorts, shirts, sweaters, knitwear and outerwear. Featured summer colors include melon green, petunia lavender, dusty pink, china blue, mustard yellow and amber green.

"The hot colors for summer are not pastels or brights, but rich vegetable shades," said Leslie Cappe, president of the Leslie Cappe Sales Agency, representatives of Point Zero and News Flash in Toronto and Western Ontario.

Floral and jacquard print patterns return to the fashion forefront this summer.

"We're seeing a shift from the basics, and prints are popular because they are more exciting and upbeat. Prints are definitely casual but can be worn under a blazer without a tie for a dressier look."

A Point Zero short-sleeved denim shirt, for example, has a floral pattern on the bodice and sleeves with denim pockets.

The washdown/stonewash look, a technique formerly used mostly with denims, makes a strong appearance this summer in jackets, sweaters and shirts. A News Flash cherry red bomber jacket, for example, features the stonewash look. It is replete with detailing in dogtag zipper, snaps, unique pocket treatment, hidden hood in collar, and an interesting interior insert with mesh upper body and striped lower body.

A stonewash, nylon Point Zero baseball jacket will make a hit with the crowd with purple sleeves, turquoise bodice, embroidered logo on the back, crest design on the front and sleeve, colored snap buttons on the front, and striped knit collar cuffs and waistband.

A stonewash nylon popover jacket from Point Zero also stands out in green, purple, and orange. It has a drawstring waist, standup collar, double zipper front enclosure and front pouch pocket.

Many Point Zero shirts and jackets feature hoods this summer such as the white cotton crewneck T-shirt with mustard and purple embroidered logo crest on the front, contrast purple hood and mustard-colored strings.

In Toronto, Point Zero and News Flash sportswear are available at menswear boutiques including Man For All Seasons, Jeans & Things, Jerry's, Jazz Casuals, Stars and Oggi Jeans.

Daring designer digs in, does it

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Daring to be different has seemingly paid off for jewelry designer Catherine Bunston, owner of Dare Accents.

Bunston made her first major debut at the Mode Accessory Show last February, and in her words, the response to her designs was "nothing but positive."

"Since last August, I've been running on the belief that I was really onto something," Bunston said, adding that the response from the accessory industry reaffirmed this belief.

Although Bunston said it took a tremendous amount of courage to enter the Mode Show, it was the first hurdle she had to jump in order to gain recognition within the accessory industry. Now, because of the positive feedback, she says she hopes her designs are available within the next few months in Europe.

The designs themselves are versatile and comfortable. One of her more popular styles is a large, free-form earring that has a detachable shoulder duster.

This style is appealing to working women as the shoulder duster can be attached after leaving the office for a night on the town.

In addition to earrings, Bunston also designs a line of brooches and hair clips. The styles are all free-form, but they differ through the use of small or large crystals or leather pieces.

Her jewelry comes in three color groupings — earth tones, sky tone and pastels. Bunston also does custom design work for clients who wish to co-ordinate their accessories with a specific outfit.

The path that has taken Bunston to where she is today has been a long one. Originally, with a background in graphic arts, Bunston owned a custom printing shop in the Sault Ste. Marie area. However, a near-fatal accident forced Bunston out of business.

Determined to make it again, Bunston, who still had access to the printing industry, found the non-toxic, biodegradable material with which she works in the machine shop.

"I thought initally that there was something about it, but on its own, it (the material) wasn't good enough. Eventually, I learned to blend the plastic in order to create a design."

On her way to the top

Bunston sold her first designs in a store on St. Clair Avenue in Toronto and hasn't looked back.

Bunston's determination and drive has placed her in a good position. As she said, "I know what it's like to make sales calls on crutches and live through a recession."

She is already well on her way to the top. Recently, she displayed her designs to New York buyers, and again, the response was positive.

Through the contacts she has made by displaying her wares at the different shows, Bunston has access to markets in Toronto, Montreal, the United States as well as a buyer from Paris who was interested in promoting her work in Europe.

"The choices I have made are tremendously challenging but I feel I have the drive and the ambition ... the world is mine," she said with a smile.

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Fashion

Outfits satisfy both conservative and flashy tastes

Moda Italia designs for women on the move

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Women looking to spruce up their summer wardrobes should look no further than Moda Italia.

This is a line that has been produced in Italy for many generations. The design studio is found in Milan where 15 stylists create a collection of apparel specifically for the North American market.

Due to an overwhelming demand in the past four years, Moda Italia has expanded so more may benefit from the company's quality garments available at affordable prices.

All primary materials, fabrics, buttons and designs are made in Italy but manufactured in the Dominican Republic.

Pierre D'Aoust, the Canadian sales representative for the line, said the collection consists of 95 different designs in 750 colors.

He said the line caters to the career woman ranging in age from 25 to 65. The wide appeal is due to the styling. The outfits suit both the conservative and more flashy tastes.

"Most of the suitings are basic with a twist. However, whether it's the buttons or the stitching, detailing is always classy," D'Aoust said.

The finished pieces are all expertly accessorized to harmonize with colorings and styles.

For summer, the collection carries hues of pink and olive greens. Classic colors include teal, light rust and light grey.

Some of the more popular styles are the palazzo suits, flowing dresses and cool pants. The garments are made from materials such as linen, cotton, silk and wool.

D'Aoust, who began his career in the fashion industry more than 20 years ago, said he is determined to bring the Moda Italia line to the Canadian market for the 1991 spring/summer season.

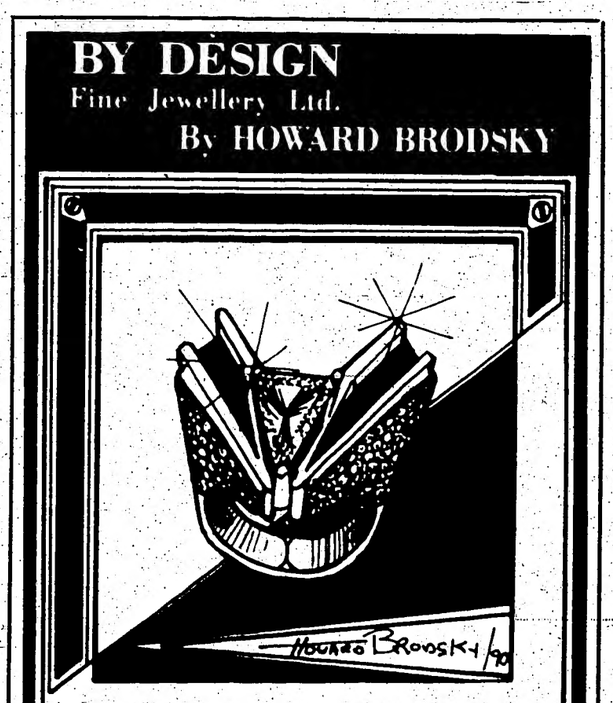
Despite the recession, some clothing retailers are still doing well. D'Aoust said one major problem in the fashion industry is price points set so high that they exclude the largest segment of the population.

"Most designers want to design and produce exclusive clothing from fantastic fabrics ... these are the designs that don't reach most people."

He added that in the jungle of the fashion business, clothing must be made available to the customer at responsible prices.

The one major change he has observed within the industry is a shift to more conservative fashions. Buyers are no longer looking at the flashy jumpsuit in cherry red for women over 55. Consumer trends now are screaming for high quality career-oriented fashions.

Flowing dresses and cool pants are at the top of the list for this classic women's wear collection offered by Moda Italia.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Big Star shines bright in wide world of denim

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Big Star is a shining example of Canadians' desire to purchase imported apparel.

The French denim line is the No. 1 seller in Canada for the specific price range, say Syd Beder and Steven Richman, co-owners of Montana River, the distributor of the line.

"We are service and quality oriented rather than price," Beder said, adding that they like to work with smaller stores and independents who are dedicated to the service end of the industry.

The garments, which retail from $110 to $150 are ageless and versatile, Beder said.

For example, he recalls the time he sold a pair of jeans to a teenager and then turned around and sold the exact pair of jeans to her 48-year-old father.

"It was the identical style of jean, but they were made to look different simply by the way in which they wore them," he said.

As far as jean trends are concerned, Beder said his customers are looking for three types of jean — wide, narrow or baggy.

To date, the No. 1 seller within the Big Star line is one called the faded digger.

Beder said this style is treated with a specific wash that lends a faded look to the garment in just the right places. Comfort and softness are the key requisitions of today's jean generation.

Beder is convinced that the popularity of this garment is due to the secret wash and the feel of the fabric.

Proof for this contention is the fact that while European fashions trends dictate a resurgence in the darker denim, which is stiffer, Canadians are still buying the faded styles.

"Canadians want the comfort and the feel of a used fabric."

The styling of the jean varies. Beder said that they are barely able to keep the button-fly jean in stock. On average, the styling is simple and the fit is big, almost oversized.

For summer, in addition to the faded digger, Big Star also makes a complete line of overalls, shorts, shirts and T-shirts in bright orange, turquoise, beige and others. Beder added that while the colors are bright, they do not follow the neons.

He called Big Star "a constantly evolving line.

"The Western look comes and goes, but I think denim is here to stay. When I first started out, I used to wear dress pants to the office, but the dry cleaning costs alone were tremendous."

However, it's more than just the easy-care of the garment that makes them so popular. He says that jeans have evolved so much that most people find them acceptable in almost any situation. He says females now are urging their males friends to wear jeans when they go out because of their look.

Beder has spent roughly 15 years working within the fashion industry.

He admits that the industry is hurting now, but despite the recession, most retailers are still doing business with Montana River.

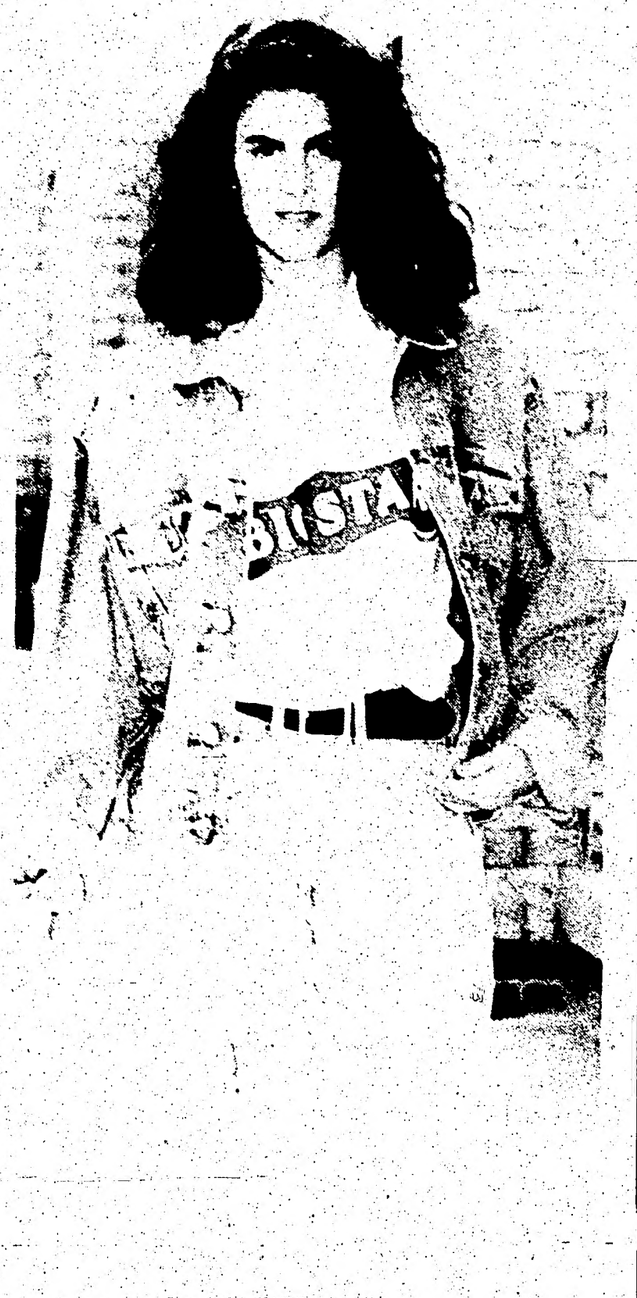
"Most retailers like doing business with us," he stressed, pointing out how his company is more service oriented rather than price.

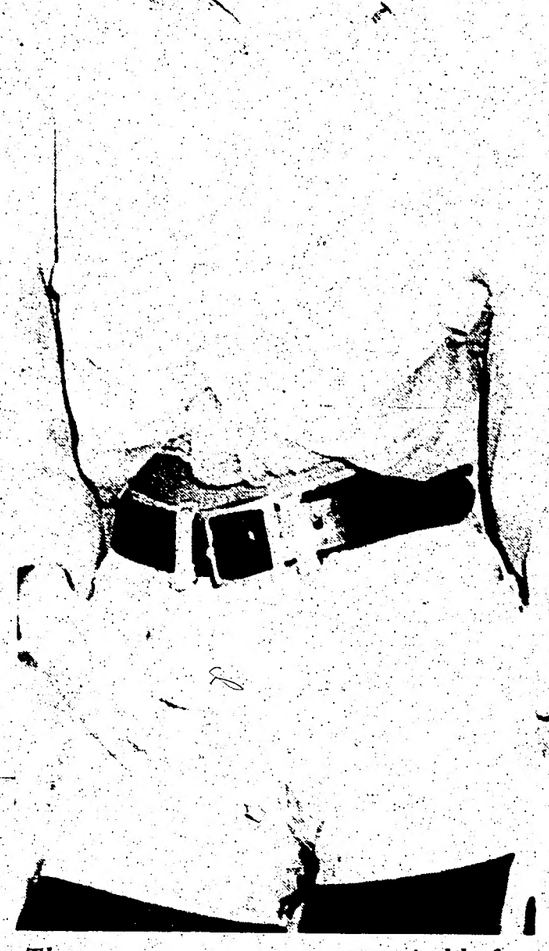
For instance, Beder visits all his retailers himself to do any product-knowledge surveys the company undertakes.

"How many agencies go visit the small store located in Saskatoon? Not very many anymore. They used to do that but not anymore."

For the future, Beder hopes to continue to add more European lines to his agency.

In the meantime, Beder and Richman support events within the community like the Golden Daffodil show which is put on by the Cancer Society and the Fashion Cares event that raises funds for people who have AIDS.





These easy-care garments are suitable for people of all ages. (Photo by Marie-Josee Crete)

Big Star jeans are available in a variety of popular styles. (Photo by Marie-Josee Crete)

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Fashion

Colorworks offers hot line for cool kids

By SHERYL HALPERN

What's in the works at Colorworks for girls' warm-weather fashions?

Not kid stuff, says designer Antoinette Grassi. Mini skirts, flared lambada skirts, Bermudas, quilted baseball crop jackets, black-and-white houndstooths, subtly blue chambrays. No sweet-baby looks here for sizes seven to 14 — just hot, trendy and easy-to-wear styles.

The Colorworks collection, which Grassi describes as "Sunday clothes with an edge to them," includes mini skirts, Bermudas, overalls. And the skirt (looks like a skirt but constructed like shorts) is back, mini-length, loose and comfortable, in, for example, a black-and-white houndstooth suit with a wide shawl-collared cropped jacket.

Styles are toned in black-and-white, navy-and-white, bluesy blues, fabricated in chambrays, cottons and polyester-cottons. Look for chambrays printed with delicate, feminine white florals and patchworks for contrast trim.

The Kisma Kids collection, in garment-dyed cottons, is the little-sister adaptation of the laid-back big-sister Kisma line. With its comfortably broken-in, softer mood, it's casual wear that can play on weekends or go to school.

Spring shades include pastels — lilac, soft pink, soft blue and coral — and sun-washed hot brights — tomato red, fuchsia, turquoise, jade, yellow and purple.

It's the blues story

For summer, it's the blues story, all sea-inspired colors — pick aquamarine, teal, turquoise, navy, or indigo, in lots of pure cottons, especially all-cotton chambray (a light denim) and chambray mixed with faded-denim patchworks. White adds crispness to T-shirts and lace-trimmed blouses, pairs up with nautical navy blue and stripes and polka dots.

Get minis for maximum effects — full denim-style miniskirts, ruffled-hem, Latin-beat lambada skirts with elastic waists. Add large tops, blouses with wide, lace-trimmed round collars, dashing white cotton pirate blouses, frilled down the front with big, billowy sleeves.

Or switch to Bermudas with half-elastic belts and overalls, both with contrast patchwork trim on cuffs, sleek black stirrup pants. And don quilted, baseball crop jackets in printed or plain chambray for another winning look.

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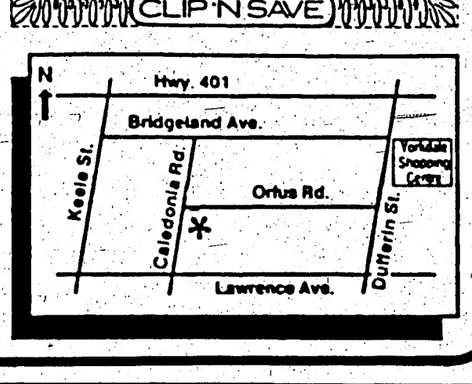

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Plenty of fashion pizzazz

High style from Harper

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Waterworks' 1991 swimwear collection has the fit and fashion of imported designer suits but the price tag reads Canadian-made.

European-trained swimwear designer Zita Harper, along with business partner Paul Jackson, launched Waterworks four years ago.

Although femininity is still the main focus of this season's styles, the design-thinking and most of the fabrics are Continental.

One way Harper defines form this year is with draping: silky ripples add movement without bulk. The draping is used to enhance the bosom, and she has twisted it into some interesting back treatments.

The colors are brilliant. Harper has used amber, sapphire, fuchsia, teal, flame red and bronze. Sizzling bright accents of green, yellow and turquoise have been added to certain designs, and prints are used to play against solid shades.

One new collection is the leopard grouping. This combines a playful leopard-printed voile with classic black suits. Another, referred to as the folkloric-inspired Romany group, is crafted in a basque style — a tight fitting bodice has an underwire bra.

A spicy but sophisticated Latin look is provided by a group of elegantly draped suits in solid shades.

And finally, for those bold people, Waterworks also supplies a grouping called Barbarella — sleek black suits with metal studs.

Another design coup by Harper is her new line manufactured under the Azure label. Specifically, this collection caters to the needs of full-figured woman.

The expected bulky skirts or heavy inner supports have not been used in the line. Instead, Harper has used new design techniques.

Essentially, legs are cut to look fashionably high without revealing too much hip, while derrieres have been designed with fabric properly placed to support and cover buttocks.

In addition, Harper has used real bras, some with invisible underwiring some with actual cup sizes. As well, the armholes are cut higher. She has used a powermesh inner fabric that lends control to the suit without stiffness or weight.

No longer constricted by the problem of figure control, Harper has designed a high-style swimwear line that the full-figured woman can wear with confidence. Most styles are available up to size 20.

Her new swimwear collection has plenty of fashion pizzazz such as blousons, criss-cross body draping, wrapped tops and tactful hip treatments.

Harper's classic swimsuits feature well-placed splashes of color and tropical prints.

Harper has used a full spectrum of jewel tones. Her classic black suits are teamed with well-placed splashes of color and tropical prints are dazzling either by themselves or paired with solid shades.

Both the Waterworks label and the Azure collection are available in swim and specialty boutiques across Canada.

Unique line catches on

Spearrings sales soar

"I've just got to ask you if those go straight through your ear?"

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These are just some of the questions people are sure to be asking of those who wear Spearrings.

As the name implies, the Spearrings are earrings that appear to spear the earlobes rather than hang from them.

Designed by Dave Hudson in Florida, these unique accessories actually feature a patented post-and-catch mechanism that took the designer more than a year to perfect.

Too Much Fun Inc. is the Windsor-based company that has the exclusive distributorship of Spearrings in Canada. This company is owned by Jane Cizek and Barbara Brown is the marketing director in Toronto.

"We knew we had a hot product but the response at some of the shows was just unbelievable," Brown said in a recent telephone interview.

She explained that at one of the latest shows in which Spearrings was exhibited, the company was able to sell 150 pairs in three hours.

Spearrings offer women light, colorful earrings.

Brown said that at one point she looked around and all she could see was a wall of people. She said that, at that time, the company was already bogged down with orders and "they weren't even in the stores."

The earrings themselves come in three styles — the spear, the hoop and the V-shape.

For summer, the colors are bright, cheerful and fun. Included in the lineup are purple, neon green, bubblegum pink, sunshine yellow, fire engine red, blue, ivory and black.

Perfect timing

The earrings are made of a light-weight plastic. The design is so specific that the creator had to mark the pieces left and right.

Brown said the timing for this product was perfect and the rate at which they have taken off is a little overwhelming.

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Fashion

Queen of kook's quirky clothes

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Call Betsey Johnson mad, mod or unconventional, the New York fashion designer's quirky clothes have entertained and outfitted fans for more than 25 years.

Known as the queen of kook, Johnson, 48, stamps her own personality onto everything she designs. Inspired by music, art, dance and a love of Victorian motifs, her exclusive looks are imaginatively on the edge. For this designer, fashion, music and life go hand-in-hand.

Her favorite medium is cotton lycra bodywear that fits like a second skin, says Elie Malka of Scene 13 Inc., the Canadian importer and distributor of Johnson's complete collection. He landed her account several months ago, starting with spring 1991.

Malka, 41, who has been involved in the garment industry for 20 years, was a former merchandise manager at Holt Renfrew's old Bloor Street store. He was also a sales agent for a number of European and American collections before going to New York last fall and landing the Betsey Johnson label.

He's so excited by her high-spirited styles that he has more than doubled the availability of her fashions in a matter of months.

Stores carrying the line in Toronto include Bliss, Bodywear, Champagne on Ice, F/X, Finishing Touches, Holt Renfrew and Mendocino. Prices range from $150 to $280 for a dress, $95 to $150 for separates.

Susan Malka, Elie's wife and partner, is dressed in Johnson's summery cotton floral chemise.

"I'm tired of the dark colors of winter. This dress makes me feel young. I feel good when I wear it."

Johnson's collection defines a social mood, both personal and eclectic: a revival of the '60s pop culture is at the heart of her creations. The basic T-shirt, tank top, motorcycle gear and rock 'n' roll bodywear are central to her body shapes. They have only been reworked for the '90s. Armholes are armholes. There is no shoulder padding.

The radical designer gained notoriety in 1965 as a principal designer for Paraphernalia, a "way out" New York fashion boutique. Julie Christie, Brigitte Bardot and Twiggy were only some of the celebrities who clamored for her slinky '60s space age dresses.

Following a string of freelance assignments in footwear, maternity, children's wear, ladies and menswear, Johnson founded her own clothing company, Betsey Johnson Inc., in 1978. Today she has 12 boutiques across the United States.

While dieting, jogging, yoga, massage and dance have helped to keep women in rhythmic shape to be able to wear Johnson's fashions, Susan Malka, a shapely mother of two young sons, best exemplifies the versatility and wearability of the designer's garb.

You don't have to be a stringbean because her clothes all stretch, she says.

"When I first saw her clothes on myself, I wanted to see if tight, stretch fabric made me look fat. Of course, I can't wear all the styles, but for the most part, I feel thin, terrific and 15 years younger."

The summer collection is divided into six groupings. Nosegay, a large floral in cotton lycra, is comprised of several clingy and less-clingy separates. The slip sheath dress, catsuit, peplum or crop top, leggings, capri pants and bike shorts, are being snapped up as soon as they hit the stores.

Pansy, a Victorian-inspired floral miniature in black, olive or purple print, is offered , as well.

Both Splash, a mod yellow and red abstract, and Picnic, a '50s retro print, are cheerful, colorful clothes that make one smile.

The collection is rounded out by a sueded rayon grouping in black or brick, and satin party and prom dresses.

For those with a little extra poundage, the trapeze or the '50s flair dress and skirt are wise alternatives.

Versatility and wearability are key characteristics of the Betsy Johnson collection.

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